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## THE ART OF HOUSEKEEPING.

HOW A CLEVER, MODERN WOMAN VIEWS IT.

THE MERE-MALE OPINION MANGLED!

At this time of year, when nearly every day brings a new anthology, I marvel that no industrious collector has gathered one from the utterances of Important People to girls' schools on speech days, writes Edith Shackleton in the *Evening Standard*. Admittedly there is something ineffably disconcerting about the sight of rows of expectant young things in white frocks. I know that it makes me feel like howling, and perhaps it affects the Important in some other odd way. Anyhow, they do say queer things.

### At a Girls' School.

The other day it was Dr. Alington's turn to keep up the tradition, and in his speech to the girls of St. Monica's, Kingswood, he said several things which might have been marked for that anthology. Among them was this statement:—

"It would not distress me to be governed by women, for they do most of the practical work in this country by running countless homes far better than the various classes of governments."

Now this is the sort of theory which can only be held by blind faith. I do not see how anybody knows whether or not all the women in the countless homes, of this island keep house better than the officials in Whitehall govern the country itself. I do not see how we will ever know, any more than we shall ever know if Kid Berg fights better than Mr. John Maso-feld writes poems or Pavlova dances better than Amy Johnson flies. And, for the matter of that, I do not know how one can say with confidence that women keep house well at all.

### The Good Housekeeper Illusion.

Has anybody got a clear idea of a good housekeeper? Do we not carelessly slip that label on house-keepers of all kinds—on those who happen to make a hobby of house-keeping regardless of the convenience or pleasure of others, on those who make a horrid labour of it, on those who are too dull or lazy to take an interest in anything else, and on the well-to-do philosophic women who have things running smoothly because their expenses can be grossly disproportionate?

Generations reared on Bible phrases have held to the definition of the fruitful lady who rose while it was yet night and gave tasks to her maidens. Generations of house-keeping women have felt that their price, too, must be far above rubies simply because they made everybody to their immediate neighbor-lyhood unnecessarily uncomfortable by insisting that the weekly wash should be started by half-past five on winter mornings.

### Why Solomon's Model Got Up Early.

It can have occurred to very few of them that the Eastern lady was merely taking the pleasantest path by rising while it was yet night instead of leaving the work to the intolerable heat of the day. Endur-ance of hardship and the impossi-ble of having that ruby value. At the moment house-keeping seems to be going to pieces, whereas Whitehall is not. I am not com-plain about this, in the character of the acid, jealous spinster who has to keep house somehow in the intervals of a profession. If women do not want to keep house, I cannot in fairness see why they should. If house-keeping does go to the devil the resultant discomfort will hit them at least as hardly as it hits men, however imperfectly this fact is yet realised.

There still exists a curious illusion that housekeeping is chiefly a matter of ministering to the male. Daily one reads some reference to the importance of domestic training for girls on the grounds that such training will be so nice for their husbands later on. Hardly anybody with the habit of public utterance appears to think that it is nice, not to say necessary, for a girl to know how to make a decent meal or a bed for herself.

### The Grumbler.

The housewife's license to grumble is a curious social phenomenon. Possibly Dr. Alington is right about Government officials being worse at their job than housekeepers are at theirs, but at least our administra-tors do not grumble. If you ask one of them to dinner he does not com-plain for three hours about the idleness or scarcity of junior clerks nowadays, the wicked cost of ink and paper, or the utter unreason-ableness of all his colleagues. But women will do this kind of thing in reference to their houses without appearing to lose their conviction of virtue and good manners.

Moreover, they get the grumbling habit so firmly ingrained that they begin unconsciously to grumble about everything. Perhaps there are no life-long good housekeepers. There are women who keep house perfectly when their children are young and then slip hopelessly into inefficiency. There are others who were good at scraping along and "making things do" in the days of poverty, but are defeated when they have to lay out two thousand a year. There are women with a small income who would be quite good on the two thousand. But the lifelong good ones must be much rarer than the lifelong treasure in Whitehall, where, I admit, the tasks may be easier.

## Diary of Coming Events.

**Today.**  
(January 6.)  
English Association Meeting, 5.30 p.m., St. John's Cathedral Hall.  
Mr. H. O. Macnamara, "Judicial English."  
St. George's Society Ball Penin-sula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "Fox Follies of 1930."  
World Theatre: 2.30 p.m. and 7.15 p.m., "Knight of Burning Temple" (Chinese film); 5.15 p.m. and 9.20 p.m., "Greyhound."  
Star Theatre: "Casey at the Bat."  
Central Theatre: "Sarah and Son."  
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.  
Dinner Dance: H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.  
European Mail:—Outward: via Suez (Adhills), 2 p.m.; (Sphinx) 2.30 p.m.  
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Star Theatre: "Casey at the Bat."  
Central Theatre: "Sarah and Son."  
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.  
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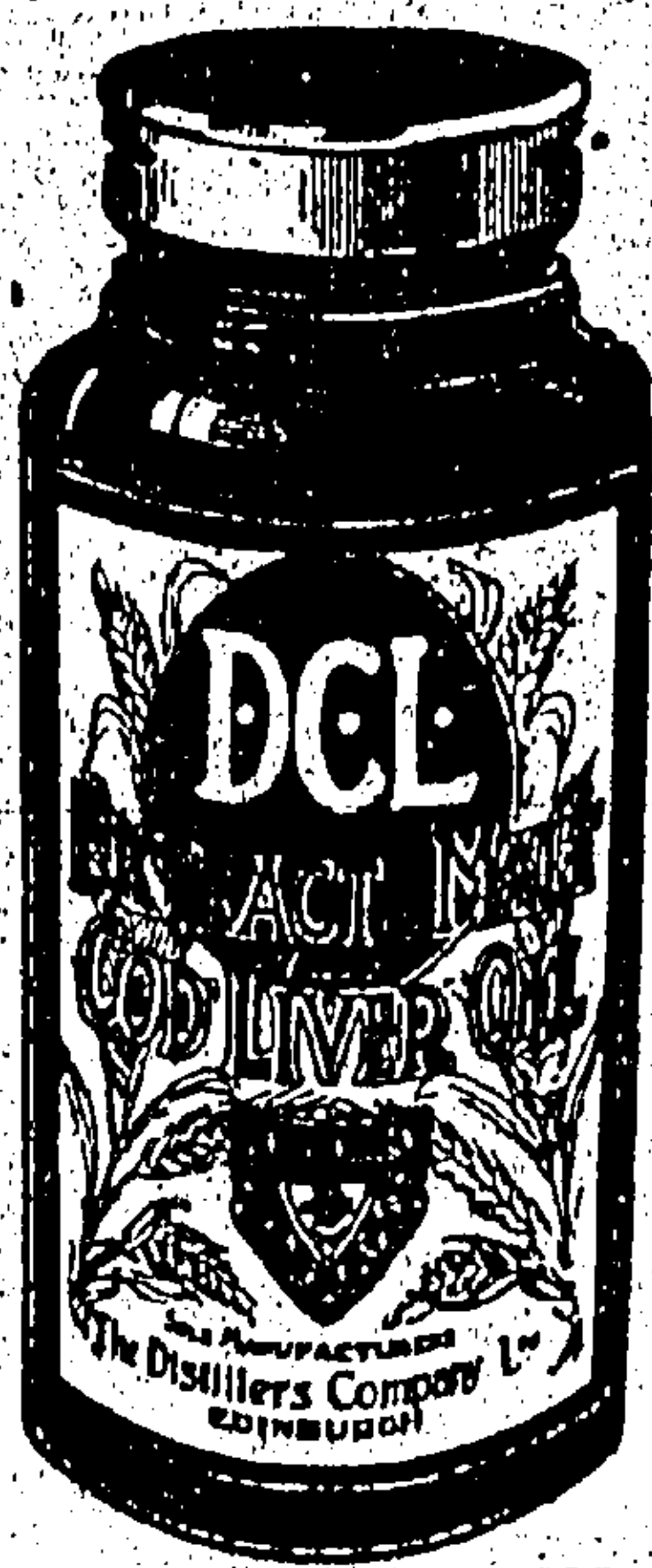
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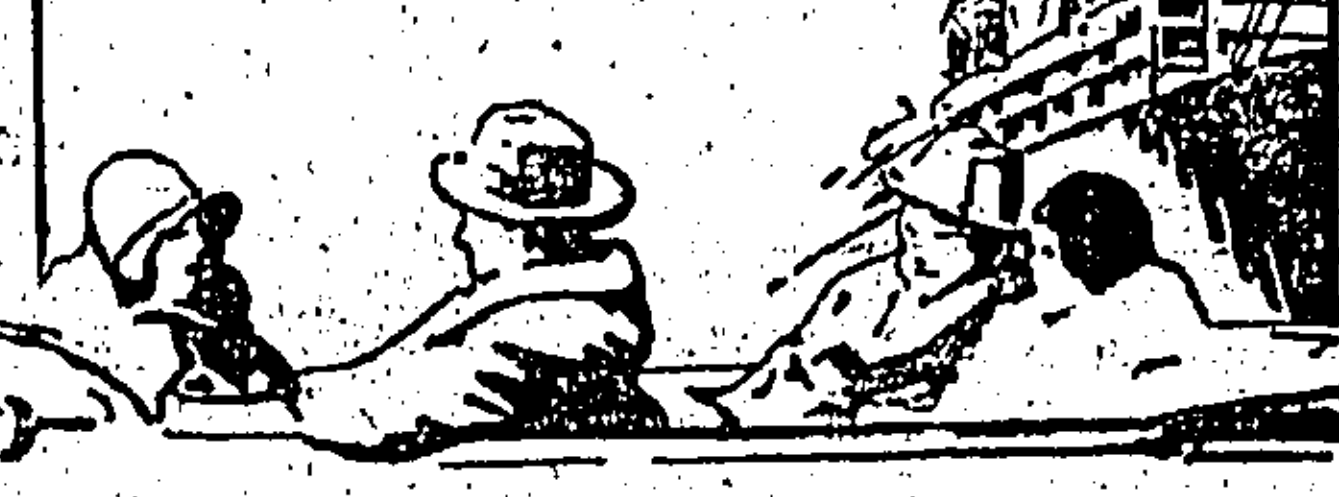
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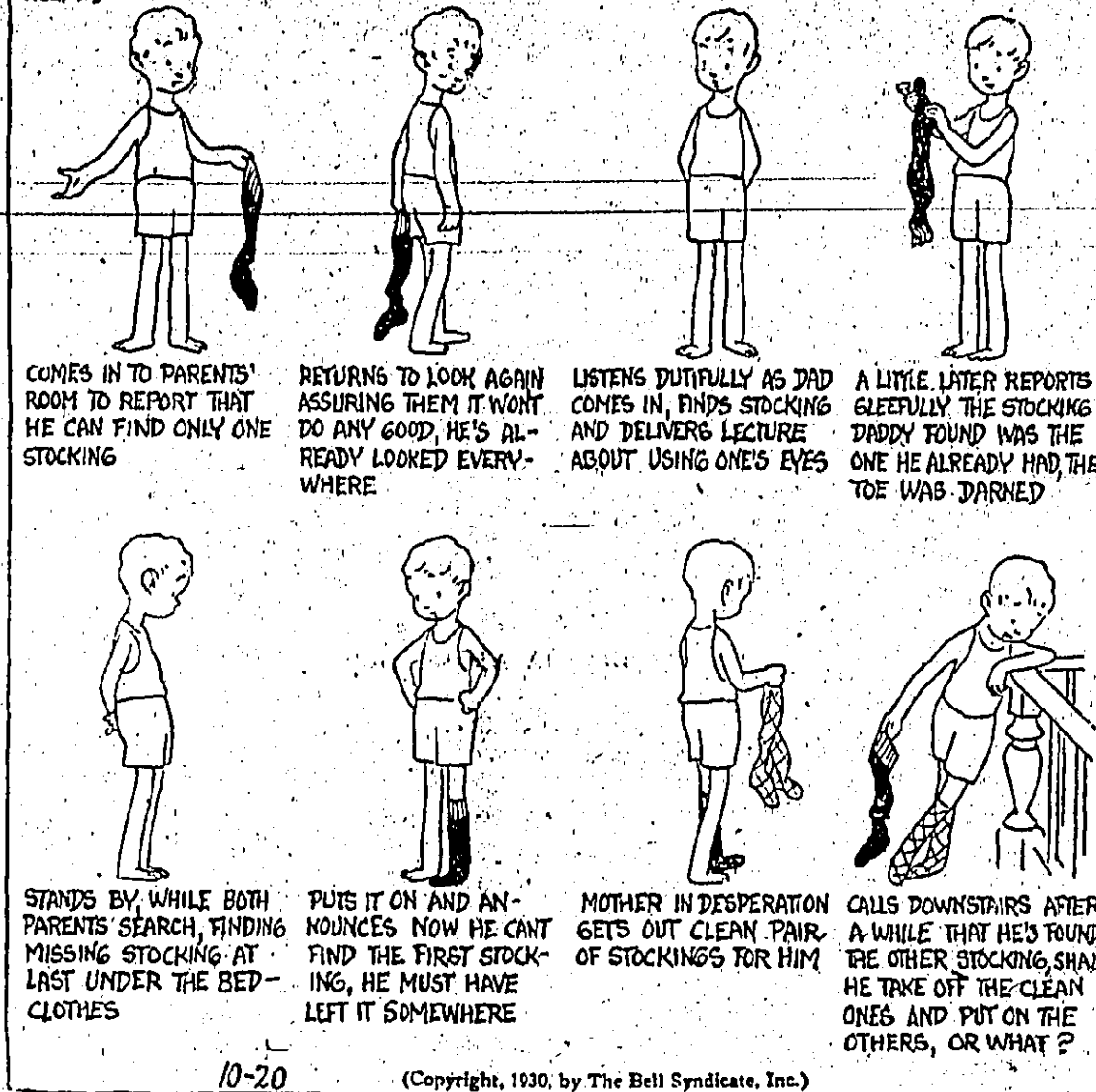
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### DO WE WANT DISARMAMENT?

LORD CECIL'S CHALLENGE.

THE FRAMEWORK  
COMPLETED.

The world can be disarmed if the peoples wish.

Do the peoples wish for disarmament?

Only they can answer.

This was the challenge thrown out by Viscount Cecil when the Preparatory Disarmament Commission concluded its work.

The Commission has been sitting since November 11 to draw up, after four years' preliminary work, a skeleton convention in which the World Disarmament Conference, when it meets—probably early in 1932—may insert figures for the limitation and reduction of armaments.

Lord Cecil, who has had a large share in bringing about the measure of agreement which has been reached, was described as the architect of disarmament.

First Steps Taken.

"The only function of this committee," said the British delegate, "was to draw up the framework of a Treaty in which afterwards could be inserted effective proposals for disarmament."

He went on: "Consider what had been done! We have provided for limitations of numbers of personnel; we have not said how much—that is for the conference. But we have created the possibility of limitation of all three arms."

It was true that conscription still remained, which the British Government would like to see abolished, but by providing for limitation of the period of service—a limitation which might go to any length—they had automatically provided for a limitation of trained reserves.

"Within that framework," said Lord Cecil, "the conference will be able to carry out any degree of limitation whatever."

He insisted that there was no finality about the convention. The first advance was only the prelude to greater advances later on. "We are to have revisions every five or ten years," he said. "Even if the first step is disappointing, in five or ten years we can advance still further."

Lord Cecil concluded with an appeal to the peoples of the world.

"They have," he said, "the opportunity of carrying forward the disarmament of the world. What will they do? The world can be disarmed if the peoples wish. The question we have to solve in the next few months is: Do the peoples wish for disarmament? Only they can answer that question."

The Danger of Failure.

Lord Cecil, the United States representative, was in less optimistic mood. "I should not be frank if I did not say that the drift here is towards a failure."

### £8,800 FRAUD ON MAN OF 80.

£18,000 BRACELET  
RETURNED.

Arrested on a warrant issued a year ago, William Morrison (40), an American, was at Bow Street sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment and recommended for deportation for obtaining £8,800 by false pretences from Mr. John P. M. Waters, a Scot, of Saltash, Cornwall.

There were other charges of stealing a bracelet valued at £18,000 and obtaining bills of exchange for £10,000 by false pretences, but he pleaded guilty to the £8,800 charge, and that was accepted.

Mr. Fulton (prosecuting) said that Mr. Waters, who was 80 years of age, met Morrison at a boarding-house in Brighton. Morrison told him that he was a banker in Montreal, and had bought in a pool \$200,000 Canadian Pacific Railway shares. He said that his portion was more than he cared to carry, and Mr. Waters agreed to take up a share to the amount of £11,000. Morrison said that this would leave himself with £18,000 in the pool.

"Substantial Restitution."

Mr. Waters went with Morrison to London and withdrew from his bank a bracelet worth £18,000 and large sums in cash. He also gave Morrison bills of exchange for £10,000. Both the bracelet and the bills were returned in December and January. It was later discovered that Morrison's story about being a banker in Montreal was untrue. He left the country and was arrested on his return.

Mr. Myers, for Morrison, said £300 was found upon him, and he was willing that this should be returned to Mr. Waters, and further substantial restitution would be made. Civil proceedings were pending.

Chief Inspector Helly said that Morrison's real name was believed to be Walter Leslie Marks, and there was no doubt that he was connected with share-pushing. Most of the cash obtained was in £1,000 notes, and these were changed in Paris by a woman. Morrison had never been convicted, but fingerprints revealed that he was "wanted" in the United States.

falls far short of our hopes and expectations," he said. "It does not hold out the promise of immediate reductions of armaments, but we can at least foresee stabilization."

Count Bernstorff (Germany) said the peoples of the world would not fail to observe the absence of the most important feature—the will to disarm.

He concluded: "Therefore I address a final and most earnest appeal to the peoples of the world to do their utmost to influence their Governments and compel them to recognise the greatness of the task which lies before them and not to fail."

### KIND HEARTED BRITISH POLICE.

"ALWAYS READY TO DO A  
GOOD TURN."

Owing to a police officer speaking highly of the character of a man who had assaulted him only a 10s. fine was imposed on William Morrison (23), of Walmer-road, Netting Hill, who pleaded guilty at West London to assaulting Police-constable Morton.

The officer said that he told some men to be quiet and go home, whereupon Morrison dealt him a violent blow on the chin.

"I should like to say," added the officer, "that I have known the defendant for six years. He bears a wonderful character and helps his old mother, who has a small market round."

Morrison expressed regret for what had happened, and the magistrate told him: "I should like you to remember always that the man you assaulted is the man who has pleaded for you here. Police officers have to do their duty, but they are extremely fair and always do a good turn if they possibly can."

### MOLTEN SLAG EXPLOSION.

HUNDREDS FLEE IN TERROR.

Irlam (Lancashire).—When molten slag from the furnaces of the Lancashire Steel Corporation was being tipped on a heap in the Corporation's ground a terrific explosion occurred, a mass of slag, weighing hundreds of tons, being shot high into the air.

Sheets of flame lit up the dark surroundings with eerie effect, and the explosion was heard ten miles away.

People living in Whitfield-street, a stone's throw from the scene, rushed from the rocking houses, carrying their children.

Nearly every window of the 50 houses in the street was blown out. Showers of glass fell on the heads of passers-by. Along the Liverpool-road 14 shops and one house had windows shattered.

The general manager of the company, Mr. J. Thornton, afterwards gave the following statement to a reporter.

"The explosion was due to molten slag being poured on to the slag heap which had some water at the bottom. The impact caused an explosion of what is technically known as 'slag'."

### EMPIRE FREE TRADE

SIR W. BEVERIDGE'S  
CRITICAL ANALYSIS.

Sir William Beveridge, a stout upholder of Free Trade, made in a broadcast talk the following reply to a broadcast address by Lord Beaverbrook on the question of trade within the Empire.

What Lord Beaverbrook wanted ultimately, said Sir William, was to get Empire Free Trade adopted by the whole of the Empire. What he wanted at once was to get Empire Free Trade adopted by Britain without waiting for the rest of the Empire. The Dominion Premiers had said quite plainly that Empire Free Trade was "either desirable or impossible." They shouted it in his ear," said Sir William. "But Lord Beaverbrook goes on pretending to be stone deaf. Lord Beaverbrook's argument is no argument for him at all; it tells against him, not for him. His actual proposal—to tax everything, not only manufactures, but all food and all raw materials coming to us from all foreign countries, to tax not only wheat and meat and maize, but timber, cotton, copper, lead, zinc, and iron ore—is as wild as his argument. It would rush up the price of everything. It would upset every wage bargain. It would put every export trade into Queer Street."

Sir William said Lord Beaverbrook argued that we were employing foreigners by purchasing their products, when by taking imports we could put our own unemployed back to work. This argument "bears no relation to the tragic facts of our unemployment." Sir William argued that the bulk of our unemployed were in industries which depended on export or in sheltered industries unaffected by export. Therefore tariffs would not help most of our unemployed, while they would tend to reduce the purchasing power of those who bought from us. To make foreigners poorer by ceasing to employ them would be the short way to make things worse for ourselves.

Fine in Theory, but Impracticable.

"I believe that the ultimate truth about Imperial Preference is that it is really rather fine in theory and doesn't work in practice. Or rather that it won't work beyond very narrow limits; if you press it beyond those limits it works badly—badly for trade and badly for harmony in the Empire."

Sir William took wheat as an example. If Canada and Australia, he said, under a preferential system came to supply to Britain all the wheat which now comes to Britain from elsewhere, Canada and Australia would still in all normal years have to find a market for a large part of their crop outside Britain in foreign markets.

"So long as they competed with one another they couldn't be better off; not one of them could get a penny more in Britain than the world price in the foreign market; if he began doing so other Dominion farmers would send to Britain till the price in Britain came down to world level. If the Dominion farmers stopped competing with one another and formed a ring they could be better off; they could get a monopoly price under preference in Britain and sell their surplus at the lower world price in foreign countries."

"Just a Bad Joke."

"But to suggest this as a means to Empire unity is just a bad joke. It means that Canadian and Australian farmers would exploit a monopoly given them by Britain in order to dump abroad; the British consumer in the name of Empire would pay more for his food in order that foreigners might get it cheaper than he did."

"One can't have Imperial Preference on a grand scale without taxing food—not luxuries—but food of the people. Is our British objection to taxing food just mouldy prejudice, or has it a solid basis in economics? It has a very solid basis, indeed. A tax on food graduated the wrong way round, like an income tax of ten shillings on the first £500 of income, and five shillings above that."

Sir William added: "This argument does not mean that food must never be taxed at all. But it does mean that no plan which involves taxing food should be tried unless it offers us in compensation over-taxing and over-taxing."

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### "DID NOTHING TO WIN WAR."

COLONEL DRURY AND  
MODERN YOUTH.

"Don't be too ready to dictate to your elders how the world should be run. When you are tempted to do it, remember that you did nothing to win the Great War, for the very good reason, it is true, that the eldest of you were babies at the time, and some of you were not even born. But the generation immediately ahead of you won it for you at a tremendous sacrifice to themselves. And, instead of laying down the law and expressing your opinions, it would better become you to wait until you, in your turn, have given something for all that you have received."

So said Col. W. P. Drury (Mayor of Saltash), when addressing parents, teachers, and pupils of Gunner-side School at the prizegiving Plymouth Guildhall.

At another stage in his speech Col. Drury said that to prevent the scholars "going away too swollen-headed" and because it was the "usual thing to do" he ought to point out some of their faults. Referring to speaking and writing, he said they used too many adjectives and adverbs—and generally the wrong ones. Things always seemed to be "terribly amusing," "frightfully cheery," or "jolly rotten."

The best story-writers in all literature, the men who wrote the stories in the Bible," he said, "never employ superfluous adjectives and adverbs. In their stories the lions roar and the birds sing; they never roar 'horribly' or sing 'beautifully.'"

Colonel Drury denied he was "one of those mouldy back numbers," who imagined that they were always right and the younger generation always wrong. "We are rather apt to forget," he said, "that some of us in our youth lived in a totally different world from the present one." He added that the present generation "utterly bewildered" him, but that he had a secret admiration for them.

At the same time, he believed that had Queen Boudicca lived to day she would have been able to fly to Australia the same as Miss Amy Johnson had done.

### NOVELIST'S HEIR.

SON FOR MICHAEL ARLEN.

Countess Atalanta Mercati, wife of Mr. Michael Arlen, the well-known novelist, has given birth to a son and heir at 4, Stanhope Place, Hyde Park.

Mother and son are progressing favourably.

Mr. Arlen was married two years ago at the Russian Church, in Cannes. He is an Armenian by birth, and changed his name several years ago from Dikran Kouyoumdjian. He is a naturalised British subject, and was educated in England.

Countess Atalanta Mercati's father, Count Mercati, was Chamberlain to the late King Constantine of Greece.

### Dominions' Policy in the Way.

"They do not propose to lower any tariffs for us, but only to raise still more some of their tariffs against foreign countries. They do not even promise not to raise tariffs further against us. Indeed, they tell us frankly that they will raise tariffs and shut us out still more as they develop their industries still further."

The protective policy of the Dominions more than anything else narrows the scope for Imperial Preference. If and when they freely change that policy the scope for Imperial Preference will be widened, and I for one will welcome this. Till then there is little doing. In theory there is a good deal to be said for Imperial Preference. In practice, with the fiscal policy of the Dominions as it is, there is not much that can wisely be done about it—perhaps a little more than now; perhaps not."

That answer carried with it a judgment on the project of a Free Trade Empire. "A hundred years ago, a Free Trade Empire might have been possible. In 1930 the time for tearing up by the roots the economic life of Britain and the Dominions has come. The time has come when we can see in Lord Beaverbrook's campaign is that it would have fitted much better into an earlier century than it does into this one. It is just trying to put back Big Ben."



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## BOOKS and READERS

CHESS AND MURDERS.

The detective novel was well represented in this column last week, and the examples therein reviewed came in for some rather hard criticism. I am, in consequence, very glad to introduce Mr. PORTER'S "OYSTERS" (Hodder & Stoughton 7/6) to you with a hearty recommendation to get and read this book. It has a most curious quality. The story, a particularly gruesome one, is told in so matter-of-fact and analytical a spirit that one has the impression of watching an enthralling game of chess. You follow Mr. Austin Smeeman as he moves his king — Mr. Porter — now covering him with another piece and now pushing him boldly into the battle, and at the same time you watch his opponent's black bishop — the unofficial detective — who is waiting for an opportunity to check mate, and who cannot be dislodged from his advantageous position or forced to move too soon. This method, like that of Mr. Edgar Wallace, might perhaps be likened to the reporting of a case in the columns of a newspaper, but it has no relation to sensational journalism.

Admirers of Zane Grey will probably enjoy THE SHEPHERD OF THE GUARDALOUPE (Hodder & Stoughton 7/6) for it is quite in his usual manner. There is the noble hero, suffering in mind and body, who finds healing for both in the desert, the lovely heroine, and the misunderstanding between them. The sweet gentle mothers, the harsh old fathers, and the sneering villain are all according to type.

E.M.B.

ALLENBY IN EGYPT AND  
PALESTINE.

OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE WAR. Military Operations in Egypt and Palestine. Volume II. From June, 1917, to the end of the War. By Captain Cyril Falls. Maps by Major A. F. Becke. (H.M. Stationery Office. In Two Parts, 21. Case of maps 10s. extra.)

The second volume of the Official History of the Palestine Campaign covers the period of General Allenby's command, from June, 1917, when he succeeded Sir Archibald Murray, to the end of the War. No other campaigns of the late War are of such absorbing interest or so fruitful of lessons for the future as those of the autumn and winter of 1917, which resulted in the capture of Jerusalem, and of the autumn of 1918, which brought final destruction to the Turkish Armies and ended with the advance to Damascus and Aleppo.

Of the two campaigns, the final victory in 1918 was more spectacular and may strike the imagination more by reason of its swiftness and completeness. But, to the military student at any rate, the Jerusalem campaign of 1917 will make a greater appeal; the combats were more evenly matched, the issue hung longer in the balance, there was greater variety in the fighting. Also General Allenby had an opponent worthy of him in von Falkenhayn, to whose qualities and performances in the Jerusalem campaign Captain Falls pays a high tribute.

Part I. deals with the Third Battle of Gaza, the pursuit through Philistia, the taking of Jerusalem, and the two trans-Jordan raids in the early part of 1918.

General Allenby had the full support of the authorities at home, but von Falkenhayn, as Captain Falls points out, had to win his first battle against his Allies, and the delay caused by these dissensions was fatal to his chances of success. Captain Falls has a great admiration for von Falkenhayn, who took front just as the whole structure began to crumble under Allenby's blows, but never lost grasp of the situation or of his courage.

Part II. opens with an interesting chapter on the Arab operations, and is followed by a description of the reorganization of the E.E.F. after 60,000 officers and men had been dispatched to France to help stem the tide of the German's last bid for victory. The remainder of the volume describes that amazing sweep, in which three Turkish armies were not only routed but were captured almost in their entirety (their Commander-in-Chief escaping only by good fortune) and the remainder of Palestine and the whole of Syria freed at one blow from the long Turkish domination.

Captain Falls has done his work admirably. Events are described in proper proportion, the narrative is always clear and easy to follow, disputed or difficult points have been dealt with dispassionately and have obviously been the subject of untiring research. Two factors which had often a decisive effect on operations — water and supply — are given their full weight. The writing has a literary quality that makes it very pleasant reading, and all those who fought in the campaigns will welcome Captain Falls' descriptions of the historical associations of the places through which the E.E.F. passed. *The Times*.

## CHINESE CIVILISATION.

CHINESE CIVILISATION. By Marcel Granet. London: Gegan Paul & Co. Pp. xxiii. 444. 25s. net.

This elaborate study of early Chinese social history is part of an immense undertaking. "The History of Civilisation," in which is incorporated the French series "L'Evolution de l'Humanité." Something like a hundred separate volumes are in course of preparation or publication. M. Granet has had a formidable task. His aim is to define the essential features of the social system of the Chinese, and, further, to try "to indicate what of wide human experience lies hidden within it by making apparent the truth that from one civilisation to another it is often only the outward symbols that differ." China, it appears, is not so entirely isolated as is often assumed. M. Granet is concerned only with the early periods culminating in the formation of the Empire. The problem of Chinese origins, he thinks, is entirely unsolved, but he puts forward a tentative theory of two principal civilisations, that of the growers of millet on the hill terraces and of the rice on the plains. He shows how rural communities were formed, then small feudal States, struggling to defend themselves against the barbarians, who end by being absorbed and becoming Chinese, and finally the consolidation of these States in the Empire. But behind this history lies the Chinese mentality, with its profound belief in the order of the universe, to which man must conform; a belief in order which is founded on a sort of mysticism rather than on reason, and which has moulded the character of the Chinese "gentleman," giving an extraordinary value to etiquette and deportment as means to self-control. Finding clues in ancient songs and legends, M. Granet, with all his fineness of learning, is able to give a very living picture of human relations, customs, and ceremonies in China. A most valuable book to students.

L. B.

LAURENCE BINYON'S THREE  
SHORT PLAYS.

THREE SHORT PLAYS. By Laurence Binyon. London: Sidgwick and Jackson. Pp. 47. 2s. 6d. net.

This little pamphlet contains three short dramatic pieces, "God in the Desert," and "Memnon," which, their author tells us, were written for performance at the Oxford Recitations; but they bear on trace

of an external inspiration, of having been written for a special occasion. They are, indeed, lovely poems, welling from the deep spring of this poet's individual impulses, and we feel that they would have come to light as surely even if Mr. Binyon had never had anything to do with the Oxford Festival. Nevertheless it is lucky for the speakers of poetry that so distinguished a poet should have borne their special needs in mind; and Mr. Binyon's grave and gracious verse should prove a noble instrument for their art. At the same time, though entirely suitable for performance in public, these pieces, being poems, will yield perhaps an even intenser pleasure to the lover of poetry who says them over to himself in the privacy of his own heart. W. G.

## THE CINEMA ANALYSED.

THE NEW SPIRIT IN THE CINEMA. By Huntly Carter. London: Harold Shaylor. Pp. xxv. 40s. 30s.

There are in this book almost all the film statistics that could be desired; there are padding from publicity departments and quotations from opinions that the author does well to preserve. There are 32 illustrations, mostly familiar, and wrongly described by the publishers as "unique"; and there are, after consideration of films in all European countries, forty pages given to Germany alone. Reduced to essentials, "The New Spirit in the Cinema" is the story of how Mr. Carter's faith in the early Western films was justified by Russia's "Turk-Sib." His approach is sociological, and it is treated in terms of Biblical mythology, which further expands the book. Not until p. 328 is the "new spirit" defined, and then it is later compressed into "the old and original good purpose which has remained there and exerted an influence from time to time but has never been intentionally expressed." Because it is so expressed in the "Turk-Sib" he finds evidence of the good in the cinema, "strangely enough," in Russia. Most people, in view of the evidence, agree without thinking it strange. Indeed a recognition of the unutilised good in the cinema is what everyone interested has long been fighting for. The book interests by its scope, but it is too long and costly to win many recruits to its already familiar ideas. One closes it feeling that the basic approach to cinema has once again been laid down. It is time someone followed it — perhaps British producers, on whom the author has wise things to say; though it is odd that, stressing sociology so much, he makes no mention of John Grierson's work in England. Otherwise the English section is the best in the book, for its virtue is that it needed saying. Most of the rest has been known, if not actually said at such length, before. R. H.

## POLICE CHASE IN TRAM.

SUSPECTED FALSE HALF-  
CROWNS.

Smart work by a Battersea constable, who boarded a tram while in search of two suspects, and led a chase through several streets, ended in the capture of two men.

They appeared at the South Western Police Court on a charge of uttering counterfeit half-crowns.

The final stages of the hunt were witnessed by hundreds of people in Battersea Park Road.

Earlier in the day a tobacconist, Mr. Lockwood, of York Road, Battersea, told the police that two men had come to his shop, and that after they had gone he found he had received a counterfeit coin from one of them.

A watch was set and later two men, visited the shop of Mr. Peers, tobacconist, in Battersea Park Road.

A police constable received information, and saw two men running, and jumped aboard the car.

When he told them he would take them to the station on suspicion a man jumped from the car and ran off.

Meantime, assistance had arrived, and the two men were detained, and he, and a man who had accompanied the constable from the tram, were taken to Nine Elms Police Station.

## THE SILVER SCREEN.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"MOVIE-TONE FOLLIES."

Yola D'Avril, has a prominent rôle in "The New Movie-Tone Follies of 1930," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre. Born in Paris, Yola went on the stage at an early age, and toured Europe in "Paris s'amuse."

Coming to America to fill a dancing engagement she decided to stay, struck out for Hollywood. After serving as an extra, she won her first worth-while part in "The Dressmaker from Paris." Her latest pictures are "Double Cross Roads" and "Born Reckless."

The feature rôle of this year's edition of "Movie-Tone Follies" are enacted by El Brendel, Marjorie White, William Collier, Jr., Noel Francis, Frank Richardson and Miriam Seegar.

## "THE UNHOLY THREE."

In "The Unholy Three," Chaney's first talking picture, which will open on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre, Chaney as a ventriloquist throws his voice into parrots, making them talk, and imitating the birds perfectly. In fact, he became so proficient that he practiced recording his imitations and then recording a parrot talking back, so that he developed a replica one couldn't tell from the real thing.

During the production Chaney used to fool Jack Conway, his director, by having the "birds" call Conway names and getting by with it.

The new picture is a vivid mystery story, in which Chaney plays a ventriloquist, involved in a sinister plot with a giant and midget of the show. He hides from the police in the disguise of an old woman, operating a bird store, imitating a woman's voice and also the voice of the parrots he sells. Lila Lee plays the heroine of the new story, Harry Earles the midget, Ivan Linow the giant, and Elliott Nugent the juvenile male lead. John Miljan, Clarence Burton, Crawford Kent, and others are in the cast.

## CENTRAL THEATRE.

"SARAH AND SON."

In "Sarah and Son," now playing at the Central Theatre, Miss Ruth Chatterton demonstrates her mastery of craft in a manner more fascinating than ever before.

"Sarah and Son" is a great theme. It concerns the courageous rise to fame of a poor and obscure young woman. Miss Chatterton, as Sarah, is disclosed as a young nobody who marries a worthless man. Because of his squandering habits they are reduced to penury. Their funds are insufficient to purchase adequate food for their infant son. One day Sarah chides her husband for his laziness. In revenge he spirits the child away and turns him over to a wealthy man whose wife is childless and who had been planning to adopt an orphan. Then Sarah's husband disappears.

In the meantime Sarah, delivered of the yoke of domestic drudgery, sets out to achieve fame as a singer. After a spirited battle against adversity she gains a fair success. Always there is the heartache for her lost child. One day she sings for a group of wounded soldiers in a hospital ward. One of them is her former scapegoat husband. He sees her and tells her where she can find the boy. Then he dies.

From then on the plot centres on her attempts to retrieve her son, now a lad of 11 years. She meets a young lawyer who helps her. They fall in love. The manner in which Sarah accomplishes her plans for her son provides the big emotional climax of this splendid romance-drama. It furnishes acting, action and excitement of the highest entertainment value.

## "THE VAGABOND KING."

Dennis King, who for the past two or three years has been rated by critics as the greatest singing star of the Broadway musical comedy stage, will be seen and heard for the first time in movie audiences at the Central Theatre.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

U.S. MILLIONAIRE  
REGISTER.RECORD TIDE REVEALED  
BY U.S. TREASURY.511 PEOPLE WITH MILLION  
DOLLAR INCOMES.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A record tide of millionaires and multi-millionaires in the United States was revealed to-day when the Department of the Treasury published its income tax statistics.

But the figures made public by Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, were for the year 1928. It is expected that the ranks of the millionaires and multi-millionaires have been sadly depleted by the stock market crashes of 1929 and 1930.

In 1928, according to the statistics of the Treasury Department, there were in the United States 511 persons who paid taxes on incomes of \$1,000,000 or more per year. In 1927 there were in the United States 290 persons who paid taxes on incomes of \$1,000,000 or more per year.

The figures show that in 1928 more than 43,000 persons paid taxes on incomes of \$500,000 per year.

The taxable net incomes reported to the Treasury Department in 1928 totalled more than \$23,000,000,000 while the gross taxable incomes reported totalled \$32,000,000,000.

Of the total incomes reported in 1928 to the Treasury Department 46 per cent. were those of women.

## Big Tax Refunds.

Belated Christmas presents were announced by the United States Treasury Department to-day when Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, revealed the names of those who will receive 1929 tax refunds.

More than 10,000 taxpayers are to receive Treasury-tax refunds. A majority of them are corporations and estates whose taxable properties were over-assessed.

The tax refunds made public by Secretary Mellon total \$126,836,333.

Heading the list is the potent United States Steel Corporation which receives a tax refund of \$13,000,000. Eight other corporations will receive tax refunds of more than \$1,000,000 each.

The list of individuals who will receive tax refunds is headed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. He will be handed a Treasury Department cheque for \$348,000.

## Japanese Line to Benefit.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, important Japanese steamship line, will receive from the United States a tax refund of upwards of \$500,000.

It is expected that the tax refund policies of Secretary Mellon will be subjected to renewed attacks when the "lame duck" session of Congress reconvenes next month after its Christmas-New Year recess. Senator Smith W. Brookhart, insurgent Republican of Iowa, is the leader of the fight to oust Secretary Mellon on the grounds that throughout his long tenure of office he has consistently favoured the appeals from taxation of the country's wealthy corporations and individuals.

Secretary Mellon contends that all tax refunds made by his office are just and perfectly legal. He points out that only after exhaustive investigation has proved that taxpayers have been over-assessed does his office agree to refunds.

when "The Vagabond King" comes there on Saturday next for an extended run.

"The Vagabond King" was the vehicle for Dennis King's greatest singing achievement. It had a sensational long run of more than a full season's duration in New York and made an impressive tour in other cities afterwards.

The music for "The Vagabond King," whose long and successful career as a composer began in 1912 with "The Firefly." Other musical comedies and operettas which he has written music for are "Katinka," "Sometimes," "Rose Marie" and "The Three Musketeers." The Christmas songs of the original production have been carried to the all-talking screen in Paramount's gorgeous all colour screen version of "The Vagabond King."

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## EXPEDITION MAY BE BLOCKED.

## CHINESE OPPOSITION TO SIR AUREL STEIN.

## DEMAND MADE FOR EXPULSION.

Peiping, Dec. 29.—Chinese news agencies and some of the Chinese newspapers have been giving prominence during the past few days to the demand made by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Relics for the expulsion from China of Sir Aurel Stein, the well-known archaeologist, who has carried out a number of important geographical and archaeological explorations in Central Asia and West China.

Sir Aurel Stein is now in charge of an expedition in the Province of Sinkiang. The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Relics has petitioned both the Nanking Government and the British Legation on the subject. It is reported that the petition to the Government alleges that Sir Aurel Stein is not only guilty of attempting to remove valuable relics from China. It is stated that before coming to the country he made a speech at "the Harvard and Yenching Institute of Massachusetts," attacking Young China and the Kuomintang and announced that he could bribe the Sinkiang officials to allow him to carry out his purposes.

Some Allegations.  
It is also alleged that the meeting, after hearing this speech, voted \$1,000,000 for the expenses of the expedition and \$25,000 for the bribing of the officials.

It is understood that the petition sent by the Society to the British Legation does not make these charges but deals chiefly with the prevention of the removal of treasures from the country.

It is learned that Sir Aurel Stein, who has made some wonderful discoveries in Sinkiang during the past 30 years, including the famous rock paintings and other most important scientific treasures formerly lying disregarded in the desert, had much difficulty this year in obtaining permission for his expedition. He went personally to Nanking in the Spring and finally obtained the necessary passport. He offered to give an undertaking not to remove any objects from China without first obtaining the consent of the Government but the Government did not insist upon this. Sir Aurel then went to India and entered Sinkiang through Kashgar. Owing to the attitude of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Relics and other organizations, the British Authorities were urged to stop the expedition. Finally however, all difficulties were removed and the expedition started upon its work in September.

## Old Buddhist Monk's Route.

The main object of the expedition this year is to discover the old route of the famous Buddhist monk Hsuan Tsang who, during the Tang Dynasty, penetrated from China as far as North India and the Caspian Sea, although a search is also to be made for more relics.

Before leaving India Sir Aurel Stein again gave assurances to the Indian Government that he would not remove objects from China without the consent of the Chinese Government. He is interested in science for its own sake and has always emphasized that the actual place or country in which his finds are deposited is a subordinate matter as long as the best scientific use can be made of them and genuine

Day and Jenkins in the front row—Day and Jenkins being regarded as the bookers, Thomas and Salmon in the second, and Fender, Lemon and Ivor Jones in the rear-away division. I doubt whether an improvement can be effected in that last link; all three are of the handy type, and all three can be quite constructive.

The duel for places forward is, however, by no means settled. In the previous year the initial appearance of Vaughan Jones, of the Army, while of the others, Vickary, of Aberavon, and J. Lang, of Llanelli, are sure to make a big fight.

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## BUILDING RUGBY FIFTEENS.

## WALES TESTING TALENT.

PERCY BUSH NO. 2—EMLYN JENKINS.

Clem Lewis, writing in the *Daily Express* at the beginning of December, says:—The Rugby man's testing month is with us again, and next Saturday will see England, Scotland and Wales, searching for and testing talent.

In Wales it will be more of a test than a search, for already the Welsh fifteen for Twickenham is well earmarked. Next Saturday's game at Swansea will be practically confined to duels for places, rather than any seeking after new stars.

Such, for instance, is the case at fullback. It is not surprising, after all, to find Scourfield, of Torquay, in the Probable side and Bassett in the Possible one. Until last Saturday Bassett had not played a game since his return from Australia. Be it noted, however, that upon his first appearance the Penarth captain led his side against Aberillery to victory—their first win of the season. That, in itself, may be a pointer to future events.

## Morley's Return.

The duel element is not very apparent when places in the three-quarter line are the consideration. Barring the unexpected happening, Morley, Bowcott, Guy Morgan and Dool seem fore-ordained as our national line. Morley signalled his return to club football by playing a splendid game for Newport against the Harlequins, and got a brace of tries. In parentheses, let me add what a great pity it is that these two clubs have ceased active relationship. Welsh Rugby is the poorer for this break.

There is, of course, the possibility of Idor Towill ousting either Guy Morgan or Bowcott, but it is rather remote. I note one thing about

Guy Morgan, and that is that the better company he is in the better he plays—and vice versa. Now that Claud Davey and Howie Jones have lost their places in the premier side it is hardly probable that they will regain them. "Possibles" seems just to sum them up.

The half-back position brings us back to the duelling stage, for though W. C. Powell has only himself to fear, there yet remains the fight between Windsor Lewis and Frank Williams. As I write, there is a strong doubt about the fitness of Windsor Lewis. (I wonder whether it is an old leg injury recurring.) Should he fail to appear, I can visualise complications, for Frank Williams becomes the probable pivot and that lets in the rest of the Emlyn Jenkins of Cardiff, the Possible ranks.

Now this subarctic-headed Rhondda Valley boy is just the one to upset the apple cart. It can be confidently stated that Jenkins is the cleverest individual player in Wales—probably in the United Kingdom. His play is often a joy to behold—sometimes almost a tragedy. It is a joy when he sidesteps and swerves his way through opposing ranks, with supreme artistry; it is a tragedy when he attempts this and fails, because he has practically thrown his own three-quarter line out of gear.

At Cardiff they speak of him as a second Percy Bush. In some ways it is very true, but he cannot drop goals (indeed, he is a poor kicker) and he sometimes gives wretched passes. Jenkins, however, can be a match-winner. In all my experience I have never seen a player who can throw an opponent into the wrong foot as this Jenkins can. Blackheath and Portsmouth Services can testify to this.

Let me be fair and add that he is not all individualism, but when he is playing to his team he is only just ordinary. If Jenkins plays next Saturday he is capable of making it his match, which is why I have hinted at possible complications.

## Probables' Good Pack.

The Probable pack differs in three instances from that originally chosen for the first trial. Skyn (Cardiff), Poncock (Newport) and Edgar Jones (Llanelli) drop out and Ivor Jones (Llanelli), Salmon (Cross Keys) and Dai Thomas (Swansea) who was unfit for the first game, get their places. Edgar Jones, rather unexpectedly, is relegated to the reserves, but Poncock and Skyn, who were unused in the Possible side.

I confess I like the latest Probable scrum more than its predecessor. We shall play Arthur (Continued at foot of next column.)

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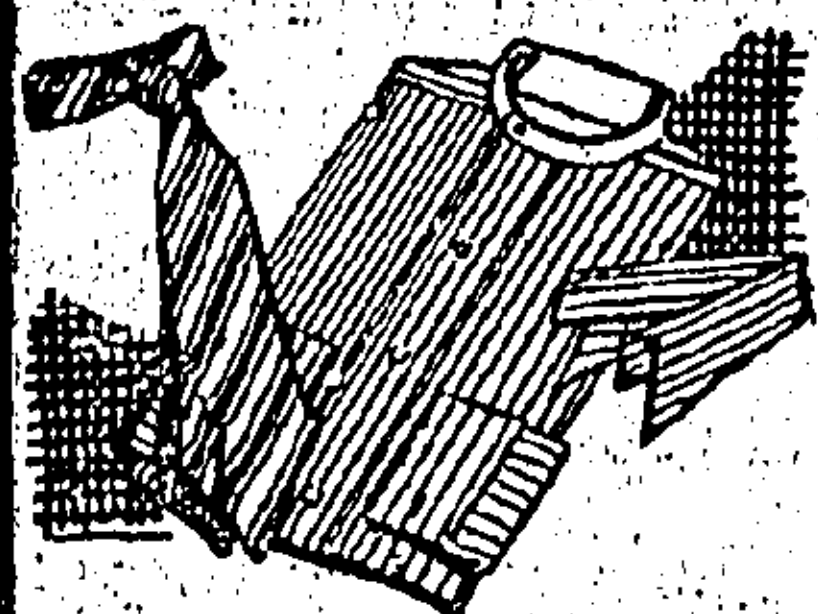
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### VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR.

FIGURES FOR PAST THREE YEARS COMPARED:  
STERLING AND SHANGHAI EXCHANGE.

#### LOWEST POINT TOUCHED IN DECEMBER LAST.

The following tables show the value of the Hong Kong dollar for the past three years. The highest and lowest sterling and Shanghai quotations for the past thirty-six months are given in each column.

It will be noted that the lowest value of the dollar in 1929 was in December and last year December again saw the lowest quotation. Last year, it will be seen, the exchange dropped steadily, with a slight reaction in July, August and September, but it continued on its downward journey as the year came to a close.

A new low record was created yesterday when the dollar touched 1/6.

#### EXCHANGE T.T. LONDON.

	1930.		1929.		1928.
	Highest Lowest.		Highest Lowest.		Highest Lowest.
January	1/7 1/8	1/6 1/2	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4
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May	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4
June	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4
July	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4
August	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4	2/3 2/4
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#### HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. E. D. C. WOLFE, C.M.G., INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.]

##### General.

Revolver Practice. There will be no revolver practice at the Kennedy Road Range to-morrow.

##### Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual to-day at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

##### Chinese Company.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, January 14 for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover; belt (without frog), truncheon, whistle, armband and badge. "Pocket Police-man" and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

##### Indian Company.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Wednesday, January 14 for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform, cap with white cover; belt (without frog), truncheon, whistle, armband and badge. "Pocket Police-man" and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent without permission from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

##### Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-day. Fall in at Tsim-tai-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday, January 9. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

##### Sharpshooters' Company.

Riot Drill. Riot Drill will be carried out on Kennedy Road to-day at 5.15 p.m. Members will assemble outside Queen's Pier at 5.10 p.m. with revolvers and truncheons. Uniform if possible.

(Sgd.) Dr. L. King, D.S.P. (R.)

#### JACK DEMPSEY ARBITRATES.

SUGGESTS WAY TO FIND TITLE CHALLENGER.

New York, Dec. 27.—Jack Dempsey, the former heavyweight champion of the world, has attempted to end the controversy over the title, by proposing a method of designating the logical challenger for a crack at the title now held by Schmeling. Dempsey suggests that Jack Sharkey, the heavyweight champion of the United States, should fight Primo Carnera, the winner should meet Willie Stripling, the heavyweight pride of Georgia, and the winner of this bout would be recognized as the logical challenger for Schmeling.

There are several difficulties in the way of carrying out Dempsey's suggestion. The New York State Athletic Commission, which has ordered Schmeling to defend his crown or relinquish it, seems to consider that Sharkey already is the logical man for the next heavyweight title fight, but Dempsey's weight title fight, but Dempsey's holds much power in the sticuff industry and the New York commission's may take his proposal seriously. Schmeling, who is in Germany, is still in deep water because Joe Jacobs, his manager, is under suspension and cannot be recognized by the New York State Athletic Commission as one empowered to act for the so-called champion.

#### BOXING DISPUTE UNSETTLED.

GENARO AND WOLGAST EASY IN A CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT.

New York, Dec. 26.—Frankie Genaro, of New York, recognized by the National Boxing Association, as the flyweight champion of the world, and Midget Wolgast, of Philadelphia, who is recognized as champion by the New York State Athletic Commission, fought 15 rounds to a draw here to-night. Thus the title dispute remains just as it was before the fight. The bout was originally arranged for October 16, but Wolgast broke his hand while training and the battle was postponed to allow him to recuperate.

To-night's fight was slow and decidedly uninteresting. A small crowd, who seemed almost lost in the vastness that is the Madison Square Garden, looked both Wolgast and Genaro impartially. Throughout the first half, Wolgast had a slight lead. Genaro, however, led throughout the last half, gaining the draw verdict.

The bout was the outgrowth of an effort to obtain a generally recognized flyweight champion, but the final of the series proved to be most disappointing.

### SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY.

QUESTION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 5.

Dr. Tai Chi Tau, President of the Examination Yuan of the Nan-king Government and formerly President of Sun Yat Sen University, is expected to arrive here to-morrow.

A telegram received by the University stated that he left Shanghai last Saturday by the s.s. President Madison.

His mission is to enquire into the protest of the students of the University against the appointment of Mr. Kin Tsiang Ching to the presidency.

It will be remembered that the students went on strike for several weeks, but resumed their studies last week pending the arrival of Dr. Tai.

Dr. Tai will try to effect an amicable settlement, the exact nature of which is not yet known. The students declare that they will go on strike again unless Nanking cancels Mr. Kin's appointment.

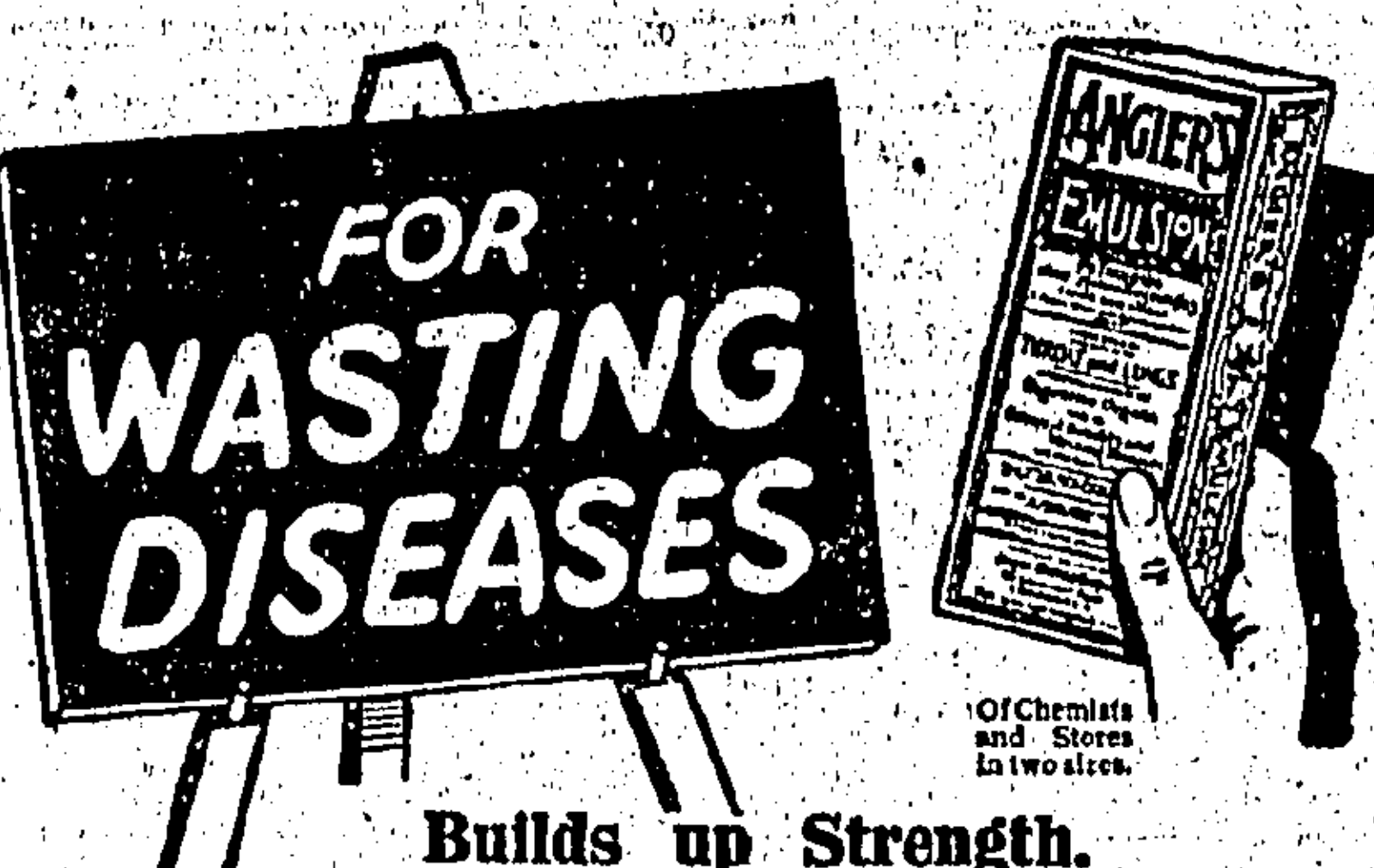
#### HARBOUR TRAGEDY.

WHOLESALE MURDER FEARED.

Police investigations are proceeding in connection with the discovery of the body of a sampan woman, aged about 30, which was picked up in the Harbour near the Lanchow waterworks on Sunday.

Near the vicinity the Police also found a passenger sampan drifting into the dock near the waterworks. It is believed that the woman, whose body was picked up, met with foul play on the sampan which was found empty. A rope was found twisted tightly round the woman's neck and it is feared that she was not the only victim of the tragedy.

Enquiries at the Water Police Station late last night elicited the news that the body of the woman has been identified as that of Li Kam Hi, aged 47, the mistress of the boat. It is also further stated that a small girl named Lo Tai Ngan, aged 12 years, who is the prospective daughter-in-law of the murdered woman is missing. Up till the time of going to press, no trace has been made of her.



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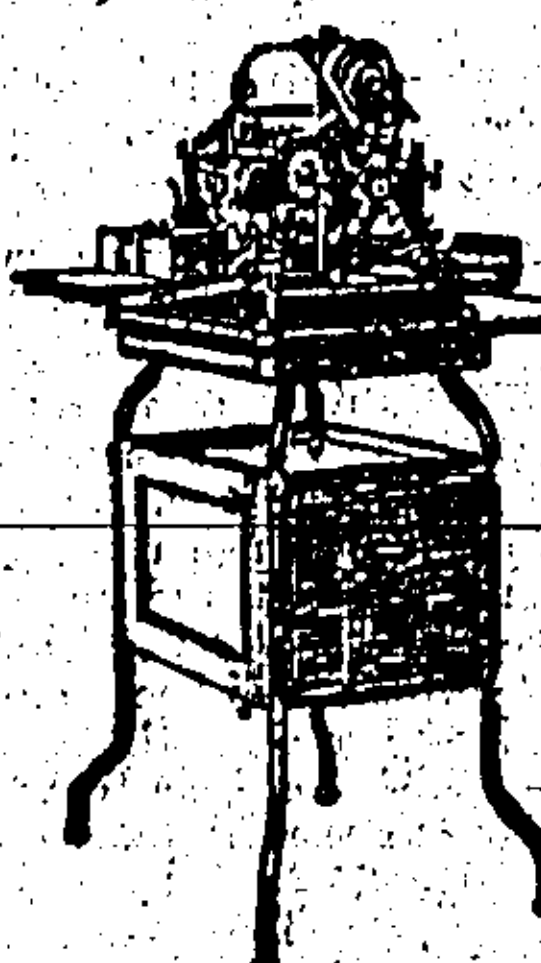
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## ATTEMPTED PIRACY.

## GOOD WORK BY BRITISH STEAMERS.

## TWELVE SUSPECTS IN POLICE CUSTODY.

News of an attempted piracy, though on a small scale compared to the previous outrages, was contained in a wireless message received yesterday morning, which stated that as a result of information received from the s.s. Hangsang that two rate junks were carrying out an attack on a trading junk which was between Hong Kong and Shantung near Pedro Blanca, H.M. Somme was sent out to investigate the matter and returned to Colony with the junks and some suspects. The latter were handed over to the police who are carrying out investigations.

The Hangsang and Soochow, which were on their way to Teikong, rendered assistance in no small measure in the capture of the alleged pirates, and as they continued on their respective voyages after the junks had been captured, it is unlikely that full details of the affair will be available until they return to Hong Kong.

## "Save Life! Save Life!"

It is understood that it was the firing of small shots mingled with cries of "save life" that first attracted the attention of the master of s.s. Hangsang (Captain A. D. Kellman) as she was nearing Pedro Blanca, the northern arm of Bias Bay.

It was then seen that a small junk was bearing away with full sail before the wind, and close on her heels were two other junks with black sails from which a volley of shots was being poured into the fugitive vessel.

The Hangsang, altering her course, bore straight in the direction of the pirate craft, who in turn, took flight, but their efforts to escape were frustrated by the Jardine vessel who bore down on them, threatening to cut them into two.

## B. &amp; S. Ship Arrives.

Very shortly after, the s.s. Soochow (B. & S.) under the command of Capt. P. J. Green, which left Hong Kong an hour after the Hangsang, arrived on the scene and she gave valuable assistance in rounding up the two junks.

The Hangsang then sent a wireless message to Hong Kong and this was intercepted by H.M.S. Somme which was then cruising in the vicinity of Bias Bay. The destroyer proceeded at full speed to the scene and when she arrived, she saw the two merchant steamers standing by the suspected craft. Capt. Kellman then made a brief report to the Commander of the Somme who detailed a party to board the two junks, and took all the suspects on board the Somme, where they were placed under close guard and then taken to Hong Kong.

It is understood that when the Hangsang got to the scene, it was noticed that the men on the two suspected craft were dumping something overboard. These were probably arms as nothing of the kind was found on board when the naval parties boarded the junks.

## Suspects Taken Over.

Meanwhile a naval tug with police representatives had gone out to meet the Somme and after Detective Sergeant John Murphy had boarded the warship, he took charge of the suspects. The tug took the junks in tow and arrived in the Harbour about 9.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth and Mr. T. Murphy of the Criminal Intelligence Department met the Somme on arrival and took the twelve Hakka and Hoklo on board the police launch. They were landed at Blake Pier and taken to the Central Police Station where they are now detained.

Whether criminal proceedings will be taken against the prisoners or not will be decided on when the Hangsang arrives here at the end of the month.

In the meantime, the two suspected junks have been taken to the small anchorage and statements are to be taken from the six members of the crew of the trading junk, a locally registered craft, trading between Hong Kong and near-by Chinese village ports.

## ARSON TRIAL.

## ACCUSED BOLTS WITH THE BOOKS.

## PREMEDITATION OF FIRE HINTED.

Some light on the occurrences at 77, Wing Lok Street, on the night of October 18, was thrown by Yeung Fu, the third accused in the arson trial at the Criminal Sessions, at the fifth day's proceedings yesterday. Yeung Fu is not represented by counsel and elected to give evidence from the witness-box.

In the morning, Li Sui Ping, who together with his son, the second accused, are being defended by Mr. Jenkin, was cross-examined in the witness-box. He denied that he had anything to do with the ordering of a consignment of palm leaves, documents dealing with which were alleged to have been found in a desk at 63, Connaught Road West. He further repeated that at about 1 a.m. his third son, Li Cheung, came in and said there had been a fire at No. 77 which had been started by the partners who had been losing money at gambling.

## Conspiracy Denied.

Li Yai, the second accused, stated in his evidence that he was master of a banking business in Macao and arrived in Hong Kong on October 18 at 6.15 p.m. He went straight to 63, Connaught Road West, where he deposited his suit case, and then went out, returning shortly after 9 o'clock when he found his father in the flat. He said that the object of his periodical visits was to look into the repairs to the steamer Wah San owned by his father. He denied that he had visited 77, Wing Lok Street, that evening, or that he had conspired with any person to set fire to the premises.

Yeung Fu, the third accused, said that he had been working for the first accused as a cook at 9, Queen's Street, and later removed to 77, Wing Lok Street, together with his master.

Dealing with the night of October 18, witness said that at about 8 o'clock he was called to the second floor by first accused's third son (Li Cheung) where he saw his fellow prisoners and a few others. At this time Li Cheung told witness that if he should hear of any accident or alarm of fire the first thing he should do was to take away the account books from the building.

## Alarm Raised.

Witness continued that he went to sleep on the first floor and later was awakened by an alarm of fire. He took the books and ran out of the building with another man. A constable passed him near the entrance, but he was not stopped, and later he was arrested as he was standing a short distance away.

Asked if he had seen any palm leaves and shavings spread out on the floor, witness said that he had not noticed any. He added that he only carried out the instructions of Li Cheung, who was one of the masters of the Tin Sang Tong, and he did not know anything about the attempt to set fire to the premises.

In adjourning the case until this morning, when the evidence of the third accused will be continued, his Lordship directed the warder to have the prisoner segregated from the other two so that they will have no opportunity of speaking to each other.

This is the remaining witness in the trial, which is expected to conclude to-day.

## WANCHAI SHOOTING AFFAIR.

## MR. MANTON PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY.

Another formal remand for a week was granted by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when Jesuina Maria Xavier, aged 43 years, was charged with the attempted murder of Mr. A. J. Manton at Wanchai on December 27.

Sub-Inspector M. Murphy, who prosecuted, told the Magistrate that Mr. Manton was progressing as well as could be expected.

## FELIX VILLAS MURDER.

## POLICE OUTLINE CASE AGAINST HOUSE-BOY.

## WHAT THE WIDOW SAW.

The murder of a house boy at No. 9, Felix Villas, on December 13 was recalled at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a Shanghai Chinese, a "boy" employed at a house in Kennedy Road was charged with murder. Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) prosecuted.

After explaining the lay-out of the premises at 9, Felix Villas, the residence of Mr. R. Ohl, the local agent of the Messageries Maritimes, Mr. Murphy said the deceased had been employed at the premises for about 18 months, first as house coolie and, about three months before the crime was committed, as the No. 1 "boy". The defendant was employed there as No. 1 "boy" up to the time of his dismissal, about three months before the murder.

It appeared that he was dismissed for being involved in quarrels and also fights with the other servants. After his dismissal the deceased was appointed in his place as No. 1 "boy" and he moved into the accused's old room.

## Extra Padlock on Door.

The deceased appears to have been in fear of somebody wanting to do him an injury as there was an additional padlock on his door besides the ordinary door lock. A slip of paper had been inserted into the door lock to prevent it from being opened from outside. To insert this piece of paper the lock had to be dismantled. Furthermore, there was an iron bar kept in the room, and it was assumed that this was there for defensive purposes.

Continuing, Mr. Murphy said the wife gave a minute description of the clothing that the accused was wearing at the time she saw him through her bedroom door, and she was positive he was the man she had seen.

Resuming his story, Mr. Murphy said that after the wife had found her husband lying in the passage, she raised the alarm and the master of the house went down. The police were then communicated with.

## Accused Traced.

As a result of a statement made by the woman to the cook when he arrived on the scene, the police went to 28, Kennedy Road, where the accused had been employed as No. 1 "boy" for about a month before the crime. The accused occupied a room which he normally slept in by himself, but on the night in question there were two male servants, friends of the cook, sharing his room.

The defendant and the other servants retired at midnight on December 12, and at about 3 o'clock in the morning one of the occupants of the room would tell the Court that the defendant got up, and, after putting on his clothes, went out alone. He returned again shortly after six o'clock. He then went to his room and lay down in his bed.

He was arrested when the police arrived at about 7 o'clock. He was sleeping in the clothes he had gone out in, and these corresponding with the description given by the deceased's wife.

## Bloodstains On Fingers.

The defendant was taken to the No. 7 Police Station where he was examined by Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds. A certain deposit on his left finger-nail aroused the suspicion of the officer, who found further similar red deposits on two other fingers.

At about 9 o'clock, the accused was taken to the Bacteriological Institute and there examined by Dr. D. Laing, who removed the deposits and found them to be blood. There was also a small abrasion on the middle finger of accused's left hand. On his trousers, bloodstains were also found.

An exhaustive search was made, but the instrument with which the fatal injury through the heart was inflicted, could not be found.

Continuing, Mr. Murphy said the key that opened the bedroom also open two other doors, and there had been, at one time, four duplicates, but about three months ago, during the time that the accused was still employed, three disappeared, the remaining one being kept by the deceased.

An exhaustive search was made, but the instrument with which the fatal injury through the heart was inflicted, could not be found.

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## COLLISION SEQUEL.

## RICKSHA PASSENGER'S CLAIM FAILS.

## MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE NOT PROVED.

An action recently brought in the Summary Court by Mr. B. Kawahara, proprietor of an eating house in Kowloon, to recover \$600 as damages from Principal Printing Officer A. B. Didebury, Victoria Gaol, was decided against the plaintiff when Mr. Justice Jacks gave his decision yesterday.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the plaintiff and Mr. F. X. d'Almada, for the defendant.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said:—The plaintiff claims that he has suffered damage from the defendant's negligence in driving his car, No. 2807, in such a manner as to collide with great force with public ricksha No. 489, in which the plaintiff was being driven in Queen's Road East on October 12, 1930, causing personal injuries to the plaintiff. The plaintiff was, in consequence, put to expenses in medical attendance and massage treatment, and was also prevented from following his occupation. The plaintiff was unable to state how the accident occurred and he did not call any evidence to prove negligence on the part of the defendant.

His Lordship held that the onus of proving negligence was on the plaintiff, but the plaintiff had contended that the payment of a sum of \$12.00, cost of a doctor's bill, by the defendant on December 18 was an admission of negligence, which was denied by defendant's solicitor. His Lordship did not agree with plaintiff's contention and cited cases in support of this view.

## No Damages Suffered.

In conclusion, his Lordship said:—There is nothing in the plaintiff's evidence to connect his injuries with the mishap in Queen's Road beyond the fact that he saw a doctor on the day it occurred. In fact, if I am to believe the evidence of the defendant, and I see no reason why I should not, the plaintiff suffered no injury at all.

It is possible that the plaintiff's story is true, that he did suffer injury which necessitated a visit to the doctor, that the doctor recommended a course of massage, and that the plaintiff was incapacitated for 17 days and lost business as the result of it, but the evidence he gave does not convince me. It is all very well for him to come here and tell me his story, but I want more than this. I want proof before I make another man pay for all this.

So that quite apart from the question of negligence I find that the plaintiff has not proved that he has suffered any damage.

I give judgment for the defendant with costs, and order payment out to him of the \$12.00 which he has paid into Court.

On the night of the murder, the deceased and his wife were sleeping in their own room next to the kitchen.

## Murder Described.

Coming to the actual crime, Mr. Murphy said that at about 5 o'clock, or a few minutes before, on the morning of December 13, the deceased's wife was awakened by her husband getting out of bed. She would tell the Court that he put his shoes on, unlocked the door and went out. Just as he got outside the door, he made a half turn to the right and made a motion as if to switch on the electric light outside. The electric light in his room had already been switched on, but the light in the passage was never put on.

Just as he turned, his wife heard him shout more than once and then he moved forward and disappeared from her sight. Then, for a matter of a few moments, she saw the accused through the door of her room. When he came into view he was holding a stained knife in his hand. Neither spoke, and accused then disappeared towards the kitchen.

After a few minutes, the wife got up and went to the door and saw the deceased lying in the passage way.

## Widow's Evidence.

The widow of the deceased, after giving evidence in support of Mr. Murphy's opening, was asked by the Magistrate whether she could suggest any motive for the crime. She told the Court that the two men had a quarrel some months ago which actually led to blows.

The hearing will be continued to-day.

## AMOY QUARANTINE SERVICE.

## INAUGURATION CEREMONY.

## TAKEN OVER BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

The Amoy Port Health Service, hitherto controlled by the Customs was formally passed over to the National Quarantine Service on January 1, but the inauguration ceremony took place the next day at its official quarters, the Bund, before a large audience of Chinese officials including Captain Pan, representative of Admiral Lin Kuo Ken, Chiefs of River Police, City Police, Health Department, Education, Commissioner of Customs (Mr. C. N. Holwill), heads of foreign and Chinese shipping firms and other business houses.

In the absence of Admiral Lin, Dr. Wu Lien Teh, Director-General of the National Quarantine Service, took the chair, and after the usual salute to the portrait to the late President Sun, introduced Mr. Holwill, Commissioner of Customs. Mr. Holwill said that he took much pleasure that day in formally handing over the Port Health work to Dr. Wu Lien Teh as head of the National Quarantine Service. Ever since the opening of the port years ago, the Customs had in Amoy, as elsewhere, undertaken quarantine work because up to now no independent Chinese health authority had been available. But now, when the Ministry of Health had created a special Quarantine Service to supervise this work all over China, he gladly, on behalf of the Inspector-General of Customs, transferred its authority to Dr. Wu, in whom they all had the greatest confidence, and wished the Quarantine Service every success and prosperity.

## Emigration Traffic.

Dr. Wu Lien Teh first spoke in Mandarin, then in English, for the benefit of the foreign guests present. He said that the National Quarantine Service of China was inaugurated on July 1, 1930, with the taking over of the important port of Shanghai. It was a well-established fact that international health and shipping interests were closely intertwined, when an epidemic broke out, both the port and its shipping commerce suffered. Hence it was most important that all connected with an important port like Amoy, with its huge emigration traffic, should emphasize the health of the city, its hinterland and the people who migrate from it.

Amoy had large connections with Malaya, Netherlands East India and the Philippines and it was most necessary for the Government to enforce proper health precautions for those who leave these shores, so that neither the emigrants who go out nor the territories which admit them should suffer unnecessary preventable diseases. Dr. Wu said that he had for months made arrangements with the health authorities of foreign governments to these places to co-operate to the fullest extent in this international health matter.

## Important Work.

The Central Government, as represented by the Quarantine Service, would charge a composite fee of \$1 for vaccination, certificate and medical inspection on board to each emigrant, whatever destination his might be, and the receipts would be properly controlled. The Quarantine Service had important work before it in the way of establishing a suitable infectious disease hospital, quarantine station, disinfection plant and other requirements of a modern institution of the sort. He hoped that official and commercial circles would extend the Service every possible help in making the work as efficient as possible.

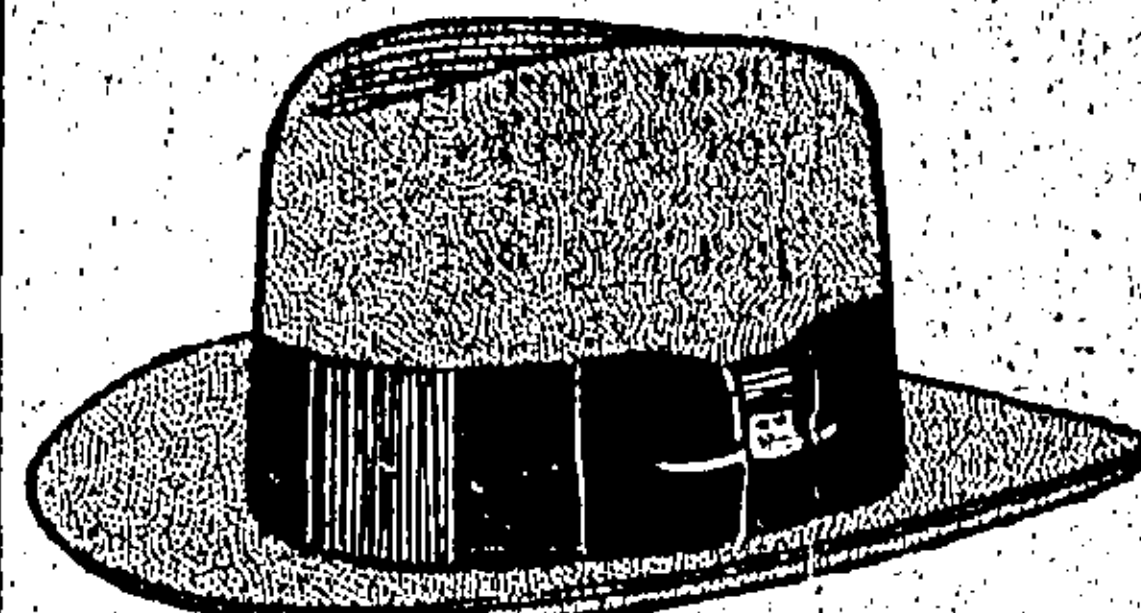
For himself, he could promise that he and his assistants would do their best. As a beginning they had taken over the motor launch and the nicely equipped inspection office and laboratory of the former Port Health Officer, Dr. Lindsay Woods, so that they could start work straight away. This equipment Dr. Wu invited those present to inspect around them in the building.

## British Consul's Speech.

Mr. Grant Jones, the British Consul, said that the port of Amoy was in close relations with that important territory of Great Britain known as Malaya, to which the Province of Fukien had for several years sent so many of her sturdy emigrants. Many of these had got on and had helped towards the prosperity of the city. Chief among the contributions of overseas Chinese in Amoy was the University of Amoy for which they were indebted to Mr. Tan Kah Kee. The British Government, the same as the British people, wish to keep in the closest friendship with China and her inhabitants, and the happy inauguration of this quarantine and emigration work in Amoy was welcomed by himself and his nationals, and he wished every success to Dr. Wu and his colleagues in the task before them. This speech terminated the morning's proceedings.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, fore-  
cast and remarks, issued by the  
Royal Observatory at 6 p.m.,  
stated—

The position of the typhoon in  
the S. China Sea is uncertain. It  
is probably approaching Padaron  
on a westerly course. Light vari-  
able winds along the S.E. coast of  
China and moderate monsoon over  
the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast.—E. winds, moder-  
ately generally overcast; some  
drizzle and fog.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The following typhoon warnings  
have been received by the American  
Consulate-General from the Manila  
Observatory:—

Manila, January 5, 10 a.m.—  
Typhoon in about 130deg. Long. E.  
and 13deg. Lat. N., moving N.W.  
Manila, January 5, 11.15 a.m.—  
Cyclone or typhoon over North  
China Sea, moving W.N.W. or N.W.

BIRTHS.

BRUCE.—On December 27, at Shang-  
hai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P.  
BRUCE, a son.

BUYERS.—On December 25, at Shang-  
hai, to Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE A.  
BUYERS, a daughter.

GABRIEL.—On December 28, at  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F.  
A. GABRIEL, a daughter.

POWELL.—On December 25, at  
Shanghai, to GABRIELLE, wife of  
CHARLES MONTAGU POWELL, a  
daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SOMERHUGH—BAKER.—On December  
31, 1930, at Supreme Court,  
Hong Kong, Flying Officer A.  
G. SOMERHUGH, R.A.F., only  
son of A. L. SOMERHUGH, Esq.,  
London, to BEATRICE MIRIAM,  
only daughter of ROBERT BAKER,  
Esq., of Hong Kong. [108]

DEATHS.

CHRETHAM.—On December 31, at  
Switzerland, Percy, dearly  
loved husband of UNSULA  
HUGHES (late China Navigation  
Company, Shanghai).

CUNNINGHAM.—On December 28,  
DOROTHY CECILIA, dearly loved  
eldest daughter of C. W. CUN-  
NINGHAM, of the Chinese Mar-  
itime Customs (retired), aged 22  
years.

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when peace had been restored, are  
too obvious to need statement. The  
Russian Bolsheviks readily sur-  
rendered their part of Poland,  
while Germany and Austria were  
made to disgorge. Thus "a great  
wrong was righted" and a useful  
buffer state between Russia and  
Germany came into being, with M.  
PADEREWSKI, the eminent picturesque  
pianist, as its president. But Polish  
people do not devote themselves  
exclusively to the arts; and after  
sundry and unedifying attempts at  
democracy, on the Anglo-Saxon  
model, they have done much better  
under the dictatorship of a stern  
and able soldier, Marshal Pilsud-  
ski, now Minister for War, and,  
doubtless, the dominant personality  
of the Government.

Poland's rehabilitation was not  
effected without what her friends  
have admitted to be political anom-  
alies and her enemies have declared  
to be "rank injustices." Poland de-  
clared that she must have an exit  
to the sea. The purely German  
town of Danzig was, therefore,  
given an unwanted independence as  
a free port under the supervision  
of the League of Nations, and M.  
PADEREWSKI's new Republic received  
the strip of country known as the  
Polish corridor. A section of  
Upper Silesia, acting on President  
Wilson's theory of self-determina-  
tion, voted itself Poland, in an  
election conducted on lines which  
the German minority claimed to be  
about as satisfactory as the Eatans-  
will contest of fiction. Poland, by  
an alliance with France and con-  
siderable expenditure on arma-  
ments, has consolidated her place  
in Europe. If her position is  
strategically weak, being without  
natural boundaries of rivers and  
mountain ranges, it is diplomatically  
strong. She is admirably placed  
for playing off one Power against  
another, and she remains, as in the  
olden days, the storm centre of  
Europe. In Germany the demand  
for the return of Danzig and Upper  
Silesia is growing in strength, but  
opposition, in other quarters be-  
sides Poland, is hardening. Thus  
it is no idle warning that a clash  
between Poland and Germany might  
well set Europe alight.

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ENGLAND PERTURBED!

GREAT perturbation has been caused  
in England by a decision of the  
High Court to the effect that the  
opening of cinemas on Sunday is  
illegal. For twenty years the  
London County Council has per-  
mitted this form of entertainment,  
and until the case in question was  
brought, no one had challenged the  
legality of their action. Up and  
down the length of England a  
yearly drama has been fought  
wherever the antics of CHARLES  
CHAPLIN, the bravura of DOUGLAS  
FAIRBANKS, the blandishments of  
Miss MARY PICKFORD, and all the  
varied allurements of the screen  
have been offered for the entertain-  
ment of the public. Before local  
magistrates, and members of Watch  
Committees, many of whom have  
never entered a picture hall, the  
cinema proprietors have sought  
seven day licences, and have met  
with determined opposition. Mis-  
fortune makes strange bedfellows;  
publicans and Free Church Minis-  
ters, without sinking their tradi-  
tional disagreements, would, for  
once, unite in arguing that the  
British public could be better en-  
joyed on Sunday than in attend-  
ing cinema shows. Usually the film  
would win, but it had behind it  
the general support of the  
public. Town councillors, who  
might detest the pictures, yielded on  
remembering that the question might  
become an election issue, and who  
knew what irresponsible element  
might not secure seats on the mu-  
nicipal body on this trivial point!  
It was wise, in fact, to humour the  
mob! A touch of comedy is pro-  
vided by the fact that the Lord's  
Day Observance Society, and kind-  
red organisations, had, all the time,  
a potent weapon to hand had they  
only known. A single decision of  
the High Court has routed their  
opponents. Cinemas cannot be  
given a licence to open!

It may be, perhaps, that the wisest  
heads among the old guard have  
known this all along. At present  
they are at least able to argue  
their standpoint before a thousand  
courts. In some they win, and even  
if the number of their victories  
slowly diminishes, there are still  
a few places where, as in the days  
of Queen Victoria, the home,  
church, the public house and the  
streets are the Sabbath day alter-  
natives. Now, however, the issue  
has been forced. A uniform law for  
cinemas is demanded and the last  
strongholds of the old English  
Sunday are in danger of falling.  
The British public wants its  
entertainment, and if the law says that  
it can't have them, well, what is  
the use of Parliament, and the  
local member, except to get the law  
changed? If this is not done, and  
done quickly, there will be trouble!

The Daily Press.

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EUROPE'S STORM CENTRE.

A wave of pessimism seems to be  
sweeping over Europe, if we are  
to judge by the quotations from  
the responsible Sunday papers of  
England, which Reuter cabled us  
on Sunday. It is feared that war  
clouds are again gathering, and  
1931 is likely to be a critical year.  
The chief danger point seems to be  
Poland, where, it is alleged, grave  
ill-treatment of minorities, both  
Russian and German, is being  
systematically perpetrated. The  
Polish nation, it will be remem-  
bered, was re-born, politically, by the  
Treaty of Versailles. Before its  
final absorption in 1795 by adjacent  
Powers, Poland had been a storm  
centre of Europe and the direct  
cause of a long and terrible con-  
test. All through the seventeenth  
and eighteenth centuries a rebellious  
nobility exploited the unwieldy con-  
stitution to resist any centralising  
of government on the lines in pro-  
gress in the rest of Europe, particu-  
larly in France, Russia and  
Prussia. This sacrifice of national  
to provincial patriotism had the  
disastrous result of ending Polish  
independence under a series of  
partition treaties. The partition  
has been described as a crime, but  
Poland was a bad neighbour and  
largely brought her trouble on her-  
self. For over a hundred years,  
this romantic and gifted people  
filled the world with the story of  
their wrongs under the heels of  
HAPSBURG, HOHENZOLLERN and Ro-  
MANOFF, and when the Great War  
broke out the restoration of Polish  
political independence became one  
of the primary objectives of the  
Entente. The practical advantages  
of this high-minded idealism, both  
at the time of the struggle, and in  
maintaining the balance of power

★ News and Views ★

The Ideal Candidate!

"Poor old Brown has completely  
lost his hearing. I'm afraid he will  
lose his job." Nonsense! He's to be  
transferred to the complaint de-  
partment!"

North and South.

A cinema manager declared from  
the witness-box that, in his ex-  
perience of audiences, the norther-  
ner was terribly impatient and the  
southerner even worse, while the  
middleman was quiet, and submis-  
sive and resigned. All of  
which simply means that they are  
the same inside the cinema as out.

What Miss Bondfield Told 500 Men.

Miss Margaret Bondfield, Minister  
of Labour, was the only woman  
among 500 men at a Smithfield  
dinner. She said to them:—"Just  
tell your wives that beef bearing  
the national mark is bred small in  
the bone, and therefore gives more  
meat and less shrinkage in cook-  
ing. It has a fuller flavour than  
other beef; it is fat is sweet, crisp,  
delicious—and all of it is edible."  
The occasion was the dinner of  
Messrs. R. A. Lister & Co., agricul-  
tural engineers, of Dursley, Glou-  
cestershire.

The Popular Idol.

Four diplomats, including one  
just returned to England from  
China, discussed who was the most  
popular idol in the world to-day,  
the man whose portrait, photograph  
or statuette adorned the most  
houses. Writing of the incident in  
the *Evening Standard*, the London  
diarist says:—"The argument was  
keen. One man plumped for the  
film star—Chevalier, or Fairbanks,  
or Chaplin. Another divided his  
vote between Mussolini and Mus-  
tapha Kemal. I advocated the  
claim of Lenin, whose portrait to-  
day has been distributed gratis  
over the length and breadth of  
Russia. My friend from China  
kept silent, and, as we were unable  
to agree, we appealed to him as  
final arbiter. "You are all wrong,"  
he said, "with a superior smile."  
There is one man you have never  
mentioned. For every hundred  
thousand portraits of Lenin, Mus-  
solini, Kemal or Charlie Chaplin  
there are a million of his. That  
man is the late Sun-Yat-Sen, whose  
portrait stands as an altarpiece in  
the houses of both great and small."

Mr. Edgar Wallace III.

Mr. Edgar Wallace, the novelist,  
who is prospective Liberal candi-  
date for the Aylesbury Division of  
Buckinghamshire, was unable to ad-  
dress a number of meetings arrang-  
ed in the constituency last month  
owing to a severe attack of bron-  
chitis. His medical adviser forbade  
him to leave the house.

Private Schools.

Sir Charles Trevelyan, Minister  
for Education, announced last month  
that he had set up a departmental  
committee to inquire into the pri-  
vate schools that multiply in Eng-  
land with the audacity of Aus-  
tralian rabbits. At present any one  
can open a school without any real  
supervision either of their qualifica-  
tions for teaching or of the scholas-  
tic and sanitary equipment they are  
able to provide for their pupils.

Blackmail "Very Prevalent."

In charging the grand jury at the  
Old Bailey the Recorder (Sir Ernest  
Wild) said that blackmail—one of  
the most serious offences known to  
the law—was very prevalent at the  
present time. "There are more  
cases of blackmail brought into  
Court now than in my earlier days,"  
he said. "This is probably due to  
the fact that blackmail is the one  
crime where, in the general opinion  
of judges, the name of the prosecu-  
tor may be withheld. The Press are  
very good in supporting the judicial  
view," he added.

THE LADY WITH BROWN  
EYES.

Eyes of brown—dark shingled hair,  
and youth in every line of her!  
She walks unconsciously fair,  
I think it is divine of her.

Her eyes declare that she is true,  
Like all the lovely rest of her:  
Thrice happy mortal, must be you  
Who make a life long test of her!

JOHN WILLIAMS.

It is reported that 40 ratings have  
been transferred from H.M.S. sub-  
marine depot ship *Lucia* to the  
naval barracks at Devonport and  
replaced by others preparatory to  
the *Lucia* participating in exercises.  
An enquiry was to be held yester-  
day. [Page 6.]

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

Prisoners' guidance at arson  
trial. [Page 7.]  
An action in Summary Court  
claiming \$500 due from Mr. A.  
B. Diddbury was aided against  
the plaintiff. [Page 7.]  
Shipping Intelligence. [Page 15.]  
To-day's wireless programme. [Page 11.]

Sport.

R. Abbit's comment on K.O.O.  
Army Cricket Match. [Page 10.]  
Army team for Lough Cup  
football match on Saturday. [Page 10.]

Latest Cables.

The Burnley weavers have gone  
on strike. [Page 9.]  
At a meeting of the Selam tin  
miners it was decided to accept  
the quota system. [Page 9.]  
As the result of an explosion the  
Norwegian vessel the *Tricolour*  
near Colombo. Five were drown-  
ed. [Page 9.]  
The long-awaited report of  
American Wickersham Law  
enforcement Commission has been  
issued. [Page 9.]  
The England XI. in their second  
innings against the South African  
scored 181 runs for the loss of three  
wickets. [Page 9.]  
The bread queues in American  
cities have been growing longer  
daily, and hundreds of thousands  
of the workless hungrily roam the  
streets of New York. [Page 1.]  
The anti-British American news-  
paper, the *New York American*,  
asserts that the "land-grabbing  
tactics of powerful British rubber  
interests" were responsible for the  
recent revolution in Panama. [Page 7.]  
In the report of the Mandates  
Commission, which is to be pre-  
sented to the Council of the League of  
Nations this month, contains re-  
markable references to the oil situa-  
tion in Iraq. It states that peti-  
tions have been submitted to the  
Commission, notably by the British  
Oil Development Company, protest-  
ing against the monopoly now held  
by the Iraq Petroleum Company. [Page 9.]  
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★ Local Notes and Events ★

There were two deaths (Chinese).  
from typhoid during the 24 hours  
ended January 2.

We are asked to state that the St.  
George's Ball will be held to-night  
at the Peninsula Hotel at 9.30 p.m.  
as arranged.

All persons with firearms are re-  
minded that they must obtain new  
licences or renew their existing  
licences forthwith.

The total output of the Kailan  
Mining Administration's mines for  
the week ended December 20  
amounted to 133,888 tons, and the  
sales during the period to 129,371  
tons.

The speaker at the Rotary meet-  
ing at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant  
to-day will be Mr. Bascom Johnson,  
Chairman of the League of Nations  
Commission of enquiry into the  
traffic in women and children in  
the East.

A reward of ten dollars is offered  
by the authorities to any person  
furnishing information to the  
police leading to the conviction of  
a person in possession of unlicensed  
wireless apparatus capable of being  
used for reception or transmission  
of wireless signals.

Choung Chak Pui, a clerk employ-  
ed by A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.,  
who is charged with the embezzle-  
ment of \$5.20, was remanded for 48  
hours by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the  
Central Police Court this morning.  
Mr. F. Loseby, appearing for the  
defendant, asked for bail, but this  
was not granted.

Prismaster-Commander E. H.  
Wetley, O.B.E., who joined the  
Admiralty on December 9 for tem-  
porary duty in the Naval Intelli-  
gence Division, has been secretary  
to Vice-Admiral W. A. Howard  
and is now to accompany the  
Vice-Admiral to China early in the  
New Year, when he proceeds to take  
up his appointment as Commander-  
in-Chief.

The Rizal Day celebrations (mark-  
ing the anniversary of the death of  
the great Filipino patriot, Dr. Jose  
Rizal), by the local Filipino com-  
munity this year took the form of  
a concert followed by a dance at the  
"Villa Filipina" on Sunday when  
a large number of Filipino ladies  
and gentlemen and their friends  
were present.

The following forthcoming mar-  
riages are announced:—Mr. Wil-  
liam Elijah Allen, Sanitary Inspec-  
tor, residing at 3, Soen Kien  
Terrace, to Miss Eileen Florence  
Colesworthy, of 211, Wanchai Rd.  
Mr. William Richard Hillyer, Chief  
Junk Inspector, residing at the  
Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, to Miss Anita  
Mario Silio, of 30, Caine Road.

Appearing on remand on a charge  
of being in possession of 566 mor-  
phia pills, a Chinese member of the  
crew of the s.s. *Tai Lee* was fined  
\$500 by Mr. Lindsell at the Central  
Police Court yesterday, the alter-  
native being three months' hard  
labour. In another case, a Chinese,  
who was arrested in Wing Shing  
Street, with about 500 pills in his  
possession, was remanded by his  
Wardship until to-day for the pro-  
duction of the analyst's certificate.

A Chinese was charged, before  
Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magis-  
trate's Court yesterday, with the theft  
of a steel vice and a wrench, the prop-  
erty of the Telephone Company,  
from 23, Cumberland Road. A  
Chinese foreman, after putting up  
a telephone wire in the house, had  
thrown the tools into the garden  
with the intention of picking them  
up later, but the defendant took  
them away. The vice was valued  
at \$50. A month's imprisonment  
was imposed.

An unemployed Chinese was  
charged before Mr. Williams at the  
Central Police Court yesterday with  
uttering two certificates of deposit  
on the Equitable Eastern Banking  
Corporation for \$10,000 issued to  
Mr. Chi Ki Chin in August last.  
Detective Sergeant Macdonald (pro-  
secuting officer) in making an ap-  
plication for a remand for 48 hours,  
said that the certificates were  
enable the defendant to secure cer-  
tain witnesses for the defence.  
The case was adjourned until Wed-  
nesday afternoon.

Looking Back 25 Years.

A certain wealthy Chinaman  
surnamed Ng instructed a match-  
maker to find him a pretty girl as  
a concubine. The middleman was  
promised \$1,000 reward if his choice  
were satisfactory. The match-  
maker introduced Ng to a very  
handsome and a few days ago and  
the would-be husband expressed  
entire satisfaction, but paid only  
\$300 to the discoverer of his belle.  
Perhaps on second thought he  
found the maiden represented only  
30 per cent. of his ideal! On the  
31st Ng sent a grand chair to bring  
his new concubine to his home.  
The chair arrived; but lo! on open-  
ing the curtains, the amorous Ng  
looked into the mischievous eyes of  
an ugly old man who had been  
discharged from his service some  
time ago! The neighbours are still  
laughing over Ng's discomfiture,  
and think he was very really  
punished for his meanness.—*Hong  
Kong Daily Press*, January 6, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

When the smouldering fire, gener-  
ated by the Chief Justice and the  
Registrar of the Supreme Court,  
first broke into apparent flame, we  
hatched the opinion that in the end  
the old story of might tramping  
upon right, and the weaker  
being forced to the wall, would be  
re-nected. The intelligence of Mr.  
Gibson's suspension from office ful-  
ly confirms this anticipation.  
After a period of "interdiction"  
the fiat of suspension has gone forth  
from the powers that be. After all  
the harassing and worry which the  
unfortunate Registrar has under-  
gone, he is now called upon to bear  
this greater burden. It may be  
conjectured that, in the usual  
course, an inquiry will be held  
upon the Registrar's conduct. Per-  
haps for the sake of the gentleman  
himself it were well that such an  
inquisition should be made, when  
he will have an opportunity of  
making known to the Government  
and the public under what extra-  
ordinary circumstances it became  
possible that a man of years,  
of learning and activity, a man in-  
defatigable in duty, an official  
specially selected by the home  
authorities, to set right the en-  
tangled condition of the Registry,  
and the ablest Registrar the Colony  
ever possessed, came, regardless  
of all personal consequences, to appeal  
to the public and the Press as his  
only protectors. We turn from the  
enlightenment of ages, has not ex-  
purged barbarity from our midst.  
—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, January  
6, 1931.



**BRITONS BLAMED FOR REVOLT.****ANTI-BRITISH NEWSPAPER'S ACCUSATION.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. The "land-grabbing tactics of the powerful British rubber interests" are partly blamed for last week's revolution in Panama, says the anti-British Hearst newspaper, the *New York American*, which publishes an interview with Mr. Richard Marsh, an ex-diplomatic official, who accuses ex-President Chari of rushing through legislation ceding rubber lands to a British syndicate.

Mr. Marsh says that the election of Senator Arosemena, who "is Senator Chari's man Friday," made the revolution inevitable.

On the other hand, Senator Arias, the leader of the revolt, "is a true patriot and a friend of the United States."

**BELGIUM ORDERS BRITISH PLANES.****THIRTY THOUSAND POUNDS INVOLVED.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 4. The Belgian Government has confirmed a large order for British two-seater fighter aeroplanes intended for the re-equipment of the Belgian Army air regiments.

The contract, which was obtained in competition with foreign aircraft, provides for delivery by the Fairey Aviation Company of a number of high speed "Fox" biplanes, and follows rapidly upon the order placed by Belgium with the same Company for 45 Firefly single-seater craft.

The total value of the two orders considerably exceeds £300,000.

**TROUBLE ON H.M. SUBMARINE DEPOT SHIP.****RATINGS TRANSFERRED FROM THE LUCIA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 4. It is reported that 40 ratings of His Majesty's submarine depot ship Lucia have been transferred to the naval barracks at Devonport and replaced by others preparatory to the Lucia's participating in exercises.

The Admiralty state that the Commander-in-Chief of the Dockyard (Brand) will hold an enquiry regarding the transfer to-day.

**GERMANY-WEST AFRICA FLIGHT.****AVIATRIX JOINING SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Jan. 4. The German aviatrice, Elli Beinhorn, took off in a light aeroplane from Staaken, near Spandau, this morning on a flight to West Africa, via Spain and Morocco, for the purpose of joining Professor Struck's scientific expedition in Portuguese West Africa.

**U.S. BREAD QUEUES GROWING.****HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED HUNGRY.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. The bread queues in American cities are growing longer daily.

Hundreds of thousands of workers are unemployed and the streets of New York are filled with the unemployed.

The Communists are active in organizing demonstrations of unemployed in a demand for better conditions.

**INTERNATIONAL TIN RESTRICTION.****QUOTA-SYSTEM IN MALAY STATES.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINGAPORE, Jan. 5. At a meeting of the Selangor tin miners, discussing the Senior Ward of Mines' proposal, it was held that the mines could work at full blast for nine months and close down for three months. No hoarding would be permitted, but a reasonable carryover would be allowed. The quota system will come into operation on March 1.

It is anticipated that Siam will enter the scheme, and an appeal is to be made to China for support.

A Singapore telegram of December 30 stated that the Senior Warden of Mines in the Federated Malay States had circularised the tin producers stating that the Government was prepared to legislate to give effect to the International Tin Restriction Scheme, provided public opinion generally was favourable. This would entail control of the output to 78 per cent. of the 1929 production.

**BURNLEY WEAVERS STRIKE.****THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED IDLE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 5. The Burnley weavers carried out their threat this morning.

Nine mills employing 3,500 operatives are idle.

**LATE MARSHAL JOFFRE.****HIS MAJESTY'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 4. His Majesty the King has sent a message of sympathy to the President of the French Republic on the death of Marshal Joffre, in the course of which he says:—

"We shall mourn him who was called to the supreme command of the great French army, with which for four long years the forces of the British Empire were comrades in arms."

"I treasure the memory of my meetings with the Marshal on my several visits to the Front."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

British Representatives at the funeral.

RUGBY, Jan. 5. The British Press to-day contains numerous expressions of admiration and affection for the late Marshal Joffre.

The British representatives at his funeral will include Lord Tyrell, British Ambassador, representing the King, Field-Marshal Lord

Allenby and Sir George Milne, representing the British Army and Army Council, Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Wester Wemyss, and Vice-Admiral Dreyer, representing the Royal Navy, Marshal of Air, Lord Trenchard, Air Chief Marshal, Sir John Salmond, and Air Vice-Marshal, Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, representing the Royal Air Force.

Three officers and 50 men of the Brigade of Guards, the band of the Brigade of Guards, and a detachment of the Royal Air Force will also attend.

**ABOLITION OF LIKIN.****FOUR PROVINCES ABOLISH TAX.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Jan. 3. Honan, Chihli, Shansi, and Suiyuan provinces announce the abolition of likin.

**STEAMER SUNK NEAR COLOMBO.****EXPLOSION ON NORWEGIAN TRICOLOUR.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOMBO, Jan. 5. The Norwegian vessel the Tricolour, which departed this morning for the Far East, sank as the result of an explosion.

Four of the crew, including the Captain, are believed to have been drowned.

One of 12 passengers on board is missing. The survivors were rescued.

**ENGLAND-PEIPING FLIGHT.****"JOHNNIE" FORCED TO LAND IN POLAND.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WARSAW, Jan. 4. Miss Amy Johnson was forced to land 60 miles north of here.

She was unhurt, but the undercarriage of the aeroplane was smashed.

**Taken to Warsaw.**

[LATER.]

Engine trouble during fog forced down Miss Johnson.

She was taken into a priest's house, whence she telephoned to the Embassy.

She intended proceeding to Warsaw by train, but the Embassy despatched a motor-car to bring her.

She said that she encountered extremely bad weather immediately she left Berlin, and adverse winds drove her in a northerly direction. Finally she landed in a small field on rough ground.

**"TRADE WIND" PROGRESS.****FAULTY SEXTANT CAUSES STOPPAGE.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. The news of the safe arrival of the amphibious monoplane "Trade Wind" at the Hampton Road air base brought much relief to friends and relatives of the daring fliers, Mrs. Beryl Hart, of New York, and Lieut. W. S. MacLaren.

They set out on Saturday morning, with Bermuda as their destination, carrying a quantity of goods.

They planned to make the Atlantic crossing in three hops, New York-Bermuda, Bermuda-Azores, Azores-Paris, and their arrival at Hampton Roads was a surprise.

It appears that an accident to the sextant and a complete change round of the wind caused the "Trade Wind" pilots to turn back and make Hampton Roads. They had been flying for 15 hours when they landed.

The flight to Bermuda is being resumed to-morrow.

**U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.****REPORT PREDOMINANTLY "DRY."**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. The long-awaited report of the Wickersham Law Enforcement Commission on prohibition is described in high official quarters as predominantly "dry," with the majority of the members conceding little to anti-prohibition views.

A tentative report, which agrees with the views of the majority of 11 members of the Commission, has been completed. It contains no recommendation on the subject of beer and wine, and it does not suggest any major modification of the Volstead Act designed to relax the enforcement of the "dry" laws.

**DEATH OF PRINCESS ROYAL.****PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY IN HER SLEEP.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 4. H.R.H. the Princess Royal died at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

A bulletin issued this evening stated:—

"The Princess Royal passed away somewhat suddenly in her sleep at 2.30 p.m. in the presence of her daughters, Princess Arthur of Connaught and Lady Maud Carnegie, who had received urgent messages when signs of heart failure became apparent."

It is officially stated that there will be six weeks' Court mourning, four of full mourning and two weeks of half-mourning.

**Wreck of "Delhi."**

The Princess Royal, who was born in 1887, married the Earl of Fife, who was created Duke of Fife at the wedding breakfast.

With her husband and two daughters, the Princess had a narrow escape from death in 1911 when the liner Delhi, in which they were travelling for the opening of the Khartoum Cathedral, was wrecked off Tangier.

They were all thrown into the sea when their lifeboat collapsed, but were rescued by sailors. The Duke died in Egypt a month after the wreck.

**Disliked Court Life.**

The Princess participated less than any other member of the Royal Family in social and state functions, and most of her time was spent at her home, Marl Lodge, Aberdeenshire.

It is recorded that the Princess developed a keen distaste of Court routine. Her brother, now King George, but then only a midshipman in the British Navy and second in line to the throne, one day dubbed his sister "Her Royal Shyness," a title which she bore since that time. She was created Princess Royal in 1905.

**Deaf Family.**

A great favourite of Queen Victoria, she was marked out from an early age for a diplomatic marriage with a prominent Continental Prince.

The Princess, however, defied her grandmother and the entire Royal Household, declaring that she would marry "for love."

After her marriage, at the request of the Duke, she immediately dispensed with her ladies-in-waiting, special guards on State occasions and other Royal formalities. They resided at Duff House, Scotland, the Duke's home, until the Princess' health broke down, when much time was spent by the Duke and Duchess travelling on the Continent and in Northern Africa.

**An Accomplished Musician.**

After her husband's death, the Princess Royal spent much of her time in hunting in Scotland, but later gave up all strenuous travel and sport for a quieter life in Scotland.

Music was the Princess' only hobby and she was an accomplished organist.

**GERMANY'S COAL STRIKE.****POLICE AND COMMUNISTS ENGAGE IN FIGHT.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Jan. 4. One Communist was killed and several policemen and Communists wounded during a revolver battle between the police and Communists in the coal-mining district on the left bank of the Rhine. There are 32,000 miners on strike in this district.

**BRITAIN'S COAL DISPUTE.****PREMIER TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 4.

The Mines Department announced last night that no agreement was reached at the meeting of the South Wales Joint Conciliation Board at Cardiff yesterday.

The South Wales Miners' Federation has asked for a deputation to be received by the Prime Minister, the President of the Board of Trade and the Mines Secretary, which it is expected will be arranged for Monday (yesterday).

**Government Receives Deputation.**

RUGBY, Jan. 5.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, and the Secretary for Mines, Mr. Shinwell, to-day received a deputation from the South Wales Miners' Federation, who desire the Government to induce the owners in South Wales to accept the National Industrial Board's recommendation in the present dispute.

It is probable the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, will attend the meeting later.

**REFORM OF CHINESE PRISONS.****AMBITIOUS PROPOSALS OF DR. C. H. WANG.**

NANKING, Dec. 29.—A widespread scheme of prison reform, providing for the introduction of the latest prison system into the country, has been formulated by Dr. Wang Chung Hui, President of the Judicial Yuan, for immediate enforcement.

In order to prevent inexperienced and juvenile offenders from being corrupted and contaminated by hardened and habitual criminals, special penal institutions for different types of criminals are to be established. Apart from the ordinary prisons, modern reformatories for juvenile offenders, asylums for the insane and the feeble-minded, penitentiaries for the incorrigible and special prisons for the habitual criminals will be built in various provinces throughout the country.

The most up-to-date system of prison administration will also be enforced. While strict discipline will be maintained, wholesome recreation will also be provided. Instruction in useful trades as well as appropriate work will be given to the prisoners so that they may become useful members of society after release.

**JAPANESE GOODS IN ENGLAND.****INTERESTING QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Every one knows that cheap Japanese articles are flooding England—you can buy Japanese handkerchiefs for instance in Blackburn at lower prices than they can be manufactured in the mills on the spot. From time to time attention is called to the matter of these cheap importations which are objected to on the ground that wage conditions in Japan are so low—and this week there was an odd little incident in the House of Commons which is described in the papers as follows:—

The House of Commons was surprised this afternoon when Colonel Howard-Bury, the Unionist M.P. for Chelmsford, held up a pair of grey Japanese socks and asked: "Is the President of the Board of Trade aware that these are made under conditions that would not be tolerated for one moment in this country?"

There was a roar of laughter. "Put 'em on," suggested one M.P., and other said, "Give them socks."

Colonel Howard-Bury wanted to know if Mr. Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, was aware that Japanese socks were being dumped here and sold at 8d. per pair.

Mr. Graham replied that for years the average value of cotton stockings and hose from Japan had been in the neighbourhood of 3s. per dozen. He had no information of the prices at which Japanese socks were sold, the value of socks imported, or the conditions of labour in the Japanese hosiery trade.—*N.C. Daily News.*

**ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.****DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 5.

The Federal Structure Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference is meeting twice to-day, and the newly-formed Defence Sub-Committee, over which the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Thomas, is presiding, is holding its first meeting.

Its terms of reference are: "To consider questions of political principle relating to defence other than strictly constitutional aspects to be considered under the heads of powers of the Executive and relations with the Crown."

It will deal with the much-discussed subject of the more rapid Indianisation of the ranks of officers holding the King's as distinct from the Viceroy's commissions.

**Muslim-Hindu Differences.**

It is understood that the Aga Khan, who has been ill in Paris, where he narrowly escaped pneumonia, will have sufficiently recovered to be present in London to-night at the meeting of the Muslim delegates when the latest developments in the Hindu-Muslim problem will be considered.

**THE INTERNATIONAL CO. LIMITED.****SOCONY'S SHIPPING INTERESTS CONSOLIDATING.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has strengthened its operations abroad by the formation of "The International Company, Limited," in which is consolidated all the shipping activities of its subsidiaries in foreign waters.

The plan provides for tankers and all other floating equipment of its seventeen subsidiaries in Europe to become "pooled" in one organization, with one management, which, it is believed, will be the largest private oil-carrying marine outfit on the other side of the Atlantic.

The lines on which the Company will be operated are said to be similar to those of the Standard Shipping Company, representing several thousand oil-tankers, barges and equipment for oil commerce in American waters.

The headquarters of the new Company will be established at Lichtenstein, and the operations include complete control of all other floating equipment, which will be allocated to various foreign subsidiaries affiliated with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Routes and cargoes will be designated, and additional tankers chartered if necessary or idle tankers be chartered to the "pool."

**OIL SITUATION IN IRAQ.****BRITISH PROTEST AGAINST MONOPOLY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 4. According to the *Daily Herald* remarkable references to the Iraq oil situation are contained in the report of the Mandates Commission which is to be presented to the League of Nations Council this month.

The report asserts that petitions have been submitted to the Commission, notably from the British Oil Development Company, protesting against the monopoly now held by the Iraq Petroleum Company.

**CHINESE-BURMESE CONFLICT AT RANGOON.****SIX KILLED IN RENEWED RIOTING.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RANGOON, Jan. 4. A revival of racial warfare between Chinese and Burmese occurred this morning in the Lamadaw district, in the western part of Rangoon. Six of the combatants were killed and 33 were injured.

The total casualties since the trouble began are officially stated to be 10 killed and 63 injured. The police have several times been forced to open fire on the mobs to restore order.

Strict steps are being taken to prevent the trouble from spreading.

**ARKANSAS FARMERS STARVING.****TOWN STORMED IN SEARCH OF FOOD.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. Extraordinary scenes are reported from England, Arkansas, the erstwhile rich agricultural district. "We want food. Give us food for our starving families," was the piteous cry of 500 famished farmers, who stormed the town yesterday, threatening to seize the food in the stores.

Their crops were destroyed in the ravages of the autumn drought and their livelihood has gone.

The Red Cross managed to supply nearly 300, but the remainder were unlucky.

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# Sports News

## LOCAL CRICKET.

### NOTES ON THE K.C.C. AND ARMY GAME.

The scores of this game have already been published, and I regret I was unable to forward an account in time. But engagements prevented it and it is rather a thankless task anyway to have to write a critical account within a few minutes of the bowling of the last ball of a game. I did not get over on Saturday afternoon, but I gathered one or two details. Apparently Hung had rather hard lines over his catch. He hurled himself forward at one from Thorp and just got his hands under it at short leg. The bowler's umpire, however, was unsighted—presumably by the other batsman, and appealed to the square leg umpire, who, standing behind Hung, of course, could not see accurately. The decision, therefore, very properly was "not out."

#### A Quiser Light.

I am told that the erection of the high blocks of buildings to the W.S.W. of the ground has caused a very tricky light towards the end of the day. No doubt this explains the poor play of Bruce and E. C. Fincher. True, they did not get out, but they were tremendously lucky in clearing the slips, and one or two catches might have been made. I gather Fincher was lucky to be given not out to a catch behind the wicket by Airey. As it was K.C.C. finished up the day in a very useful position.

#### A Poor Start.

On Sunday, however, things did not go too well for Kowloon. Fry and Thorp bowled very steadily and, after the hundred had gone up, Thorp bowled Bruce with a beauty. Musson relieved Fry who had bowled five overs for four runs. Airey by the way had been detained and a substitute was keeping. After about twenty had been added very slowly Thorp got through Ernie Fincher's defence with a swinger that was almost a yorker. (122-2-13.) At the same time Musson, after tying Teddie Fincher into knots for most of an over, got him to play one on.

This, however, was not the end of the home club's disasters. Hung and Freddy Zimmer did some very pretty late cutting but, at a hundred and thirty, Hung tried to cut one he should have left alone. He changed his mind too late, and steered it straight into first slip's hands.

#### Brisk Hitting.

Lawrence now came in and started confidently. Thorp went off for Williams at the South end, but the fast bowler was a bit erratic and showed his old tendency to bowl too much on the leg. Lawrence, who is batting in vastly improved form this year, got a couple of fast long-hops on his body beautifully to long leg, and also began to talk to Musson, and later he hit three fours off Salmon in one over.

#### A Triple Tragedy.

But the recovery was checked with the score at a hundred and sixty-six as Zimmer was bowled by a good 'un from Williams, and in the same over Salmon dashed across to get a half-skied one from the shoulder of Skinner's bat. He fell at full length but held on to it. With the total unchanged Lawrence dashed out at Salmon and tried to forward point where Fry, who had run up from the slips, made a good catch.

#### Mackay's Fine Knock.

Here, however, the tide of Army success turned. Their bowlers could do nothing right. Williams had risked his ankle and was all over the place (including the bowling crease) when he went on at the North end. (Now, who were the bowlers?) The Army were then bowled by a good 'un from Williams, and in the same over Salmon dashed across to get a half-skied one from the shoulder of Skinner's bat. He fell at full length but held on to it. With the total unchanged Lawrence dashed out at Salmon and tried to forward point where Fry, who had run up from the slips, made a good catch.

### A Sporting Declaration.

K.C.C. were only a hundred and eleven runs on but Lyl determined to try and force a result, and declared at tiffin time. His alternative, of course, was to hold on and try and beat the Army by an innings but that involved the gamble of getting them all out while they adopted defensive tactics.

#### A Ghastly Start.

The Army took the declaration in the sporting way and went out to force a win. They had a horrible start as in Lyl's first over Thorp hit inside an off ball and lifted it right out to Ernie Fincher at third man, who took the catch safely. In the same bowler's third over Dewar-Durie touched one on the off and was taken at first slip.

#### A Bright Stand.

But with Musson's arrival things changed. Haslewood was suffering from a damaged leg and had Waring to run for him, and could not bat particularly freely. But Musson settled down at once and began to drive Goodwin tremendously hard, varying his drives with an occasional hook that crashed the ball to the 1st boundary in a flash. He rattled up seventy out of a hundred and eight in very quick time, when Haslewood lost his off stump which seemed to come up a good deal with Burnett's arm.

#### The Arrivals Knocked Off.

With Williams in the arrears were knocked off and the score mounted to 157, when the newcomer misjudged a run and was out. Salmon succeeded and with 170 on the board for four wickets the Army looked to have a good chance of beating Kowloon if K.C.C. tried to force a win. Then came a stupid piece of work which cost the Army the match. Musson had hit an uppish one which he saw would fall safe, and he called for a run and started, watching the ball. Salmon did not run but he did not say anything about it either and Musson made about half the run before he realised his partner was not coming. He was run out and this finished Army hopes rather. Salmon, of course, had every right to refuse the run, but it was up to him to make so much noise about it that not only Musson but the Diocesan Girls' School knew that he did not intend to go.

#### A Procession.

Ten runs were added and Lyl bowled Davies and after another ten Penny fell to the same bowler. Next over Salmon was brilliantly caught by Bruce in the slips. Waring was yanked last ball and Airey was caught five runs later.

#### Kowloon Hit Out.

Wanting eighty-six runs in sixty minutes K.C.C. had no time to waste and they went in their bitters. Lawrence was taken off the fast bowler, and shortly after Waring took a catch from Skinner of Thorp, and the wicket-keeper, Thorp caught and bowled Hung and Fry got through Goodwin's bat and four were down for thirty-four with thirty-five to go. Ten runs came in seven minutes and then a good ball from Fry disposed of Mackay. Bruce now joined Zimmer and the scoring was rapid, the batsmen running practically for everything they touched. When Davies caught Zimmer off Musson six runs were needed in ten minutes, and K.C.C. won with an over to spare. The side lost their grip on the game, and Mackay and Lyl took full advantage of it. They played very bright cricket and put on sixty-two runs in thirty-two minutes.

#### Comment.

The fortunes of the game varied a good deal but the Army were never in a very strong position as regards winning. Had Musson not been run out they might have been able to declare earlier and set the K.C.C. a bigger task. As it was, I know that Thorp was on the verge of declaring when his last wicket fell. The K.C.C. batting was on the whole fair, and that of the Army also fair, but with a certain tendency to use one hand, or a boot, in ground fielding in some quarters. There seemed a good deal of unnecessary fumbling and slow return of the ball.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

## YACHTING.

### FIFTH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The following are the results of the fifth Ladies' Championship race held yesterday:—  
Course:—Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock/Mark in line, Crust Rock Mark Boat: Distance 5.5 miles.  
"H" Class.

(Started at 3 p.m.)

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### LAI WAH CUP.

#### ARMY MEET CHINESE ON SATURDAY.

#### SEMI-FINAL DECISION.

On Saturday, January 10, the Army will meet the Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup semi-final, which will be the drawing card in senior football matches this week-end.

The match will be played on the Club ground, Happy Valley, kick-off at 4 p.m. A team with a full list of reserves has been selected to represent the Army. Players are required to be in the dressing room at the Club ground by 3.30 p.m. Reserves are not required to be present unless notified. Red jerseys and red-topped stockings to be provided by groundsmen at the dressing room; white shorts to be provided by players.

The Army will be represented by the following:—Pte. Johnson; Cpl. Mullane and Pte. Henderson; Pte. Morgan, Pte. Eynon and Pte. Yeoman (captain); Pte. Harris; L/Cpl. Davies, Pte. Loudon, Pte. McQuade and Pte. Hughes. Reserve team:—L/Cpl. Hunter; Pte. Blackman and Pte. Williams; L/Cpl. Riel, Cpl. Hay and Mr. Jones; L/Cpl. Sanson, Pte. McKenna, Spr. Himbury, Sgt. McCulloch and Pte. Tansson.

## LOCAL RUGGER.

### CLUB "A" TEAM FOR TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the Club "A" team to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.:—  
Back: R. J. Grieve; Three-quarters: J. J. Ferguson, G. A. L. Plummer, C. F. D. Law, W. D. Johnson; Halves: M. G. Mills, W. King; Forwards: D. L. Milne, W. F. Peers, W. F. Leckie, W. Hurley, E. F. Buttress, E. B. Gammell, X. Atkinson, B. P. Massey.

Their running was bad. Some of them badly want a lecture or two on running in cricket as they seem to be ignorant of the general theory of calling. Two runs out in each innings is far too many. Mackay's innings for K.C.C. was a good one and he will definitely have to be given a show in our Inter-club trials in October next. It is to be hoped that he will play regularly in the K.C.C. first this season and get the experience of bigger cricket which he needs.

Of the Army men, Salmon showed that he is a consistent runner, better but he has a good deal to learn yet. He should be quicker in the field at his age, and I do not think he is a bowler in any thing but second League Cricket. Like several other bowlers I know, he seems to have very little control over his bowling. He has never got many wickets by bowling consistently behind the batsman's legs.

A very pleasant game, and a most excellent tiffin.

R. ABBIT.

## JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

### CHANCES NOW VERY OPEN.

(By "L.B.W.")

Something of a sensation was caused over the week-end when it was learned that the strong Indian Recreation Club second eleven, hitherto unbeaten, went down to the Civil Service seconds on their own ground. Personally I think the Happy Valley Club deserved their win—that is on the day's play for I was there throughout the match and saw exactly what happened.

Grimmitt won the toss and put the Indians in to field under a very hot sun. Matthews and McGowan opened the innings, and after the latter had been let off before any runs had been scored, they went on to put on something like thirty runs for no wickets. Then two wickets fell in quick succession, but with 90 on the board for only four men out, things looked definitely rosy for the visitors. However, this rest of the team failed and they were eventually all out for 118 runs.

This was by no means an impossible total to reach and I am of the opinion that if the Indians were not so anxious to wipe off the necessary runs in such a hurry, they would now still remain an unbeaten side. As it was, two of their men were run out unnecessarily. Madar was the first to go though in fairness to him I must say that he was in no way to blame. His partner yelled "yes" and then stood rooted to the ground and as Madar was half way up the pitch before he realised what had happened, he was sent marching home.

By the defeat of the Indians, the league is now very open and although the Civil Service juniors have obtained maximum points for their two matches played, I must say, with all respect to them, that they do not strike me as a league winning eleven. Of course, I might be wrong, but they are very slow in the field although Grimmitt and Edmonds both brought off very fine catches on Saturday—Grimmitt's in particular was very good indeed, as he had to run some twenty odd yards before he got to the ball which was going away on the leg side.

Recreio beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club fairly easily so that it now remains for four Clubs to battle for championship honours—the "Reas," Kowloon, Civil Service and the Indians. The first and the last have each lost one game; Kowloon have drawn with the Club while Civil Service have not dropped a point, but then they still have Kowloon, Hong Kong and Recrio to reckon with and if they do get through these three games without dropping a point, then I don't see any reason why they should not win. They are playing the Royal Corps of Signals this week, and if Williams, the Army fast bowler, gets going, then the C.S.C.C. will have a rather trying time. However, on paper, they should win quite comfortably and I for one shall be very much surprised if they do not.

As far as I know, there is only one other fixture besides this and that is the friendly between Recrio and the Indians. When these teams met in their league engagement early in the season, the Portuguese came out second best so that they will no doubt go all out to get their own back this time. It should be a very good game, especially as I understand both sides will be just short of their full team.

I have often wondered why there is no representative games for the second division players. In the senior section, many combined league games have been arranged. Would it not be possible for the league secretary or whoever is responsible for league fixtures to arrange a few representative matches for the second division players? That is the sort of thing which encourages a fellow and I am sure the second division players would be glad of a chance to take part in representative cricket.

## TEST CRICKET MATCH.

### SOUTH AFRICA v. ENGLAND XI.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CAPETOWN, Jan. 5.  
In the presence of a small attendance of spectators in hot weather and on a good wicket, Hammond and Wyatt, who resumed England's second innings, were most cautious in the grim struggle. Hammond, who played a determined innings, was batting for two hours and twenty-six minutes, and he hit two fours.

When ten time arrived the scores were:—  
Wyatt, b Bell ..... 29  
Hammond, c Deane, b Vincent ..... 93  
Leyland, c Mitchell, b McMillan ..... 28  
Hendres, not out ..... 39  
Turnbull, not out ..... 12

Total for 3 wickets ..... 181

#### South Africa—1st Innings.

1. Siedle, c Chapman, b White	141
2. Mitchell, b Tate	123
3. E. P. Nupen, b Tate	12
4. H. W. Taylor, c White, b Leyland	117
5. R. H. Catterall, b Tate	66
6. H. B. Cameron, c Peebles, b White	26
7. X. Balaskas, c Turnbull, b Leyland	0
8. H. G. Deane, b Leyland	7
9. Q. McMillan, not out	7
10. C. L. Vincent, not out	3
Extras	21

Total (for 8 wickets, dec.) ..... 513

Fall of Wickets:—1/290, 2/280, 3/280, 4/447, 5/473, 6/479, 7/502, 8/500.

#### Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	43	13	79	3
Hammond	10	2	27	0
Voce	33	11	95	0
I. A. R. Peebles	28	2	65	0
J. C. White	49	15	101	2
Leyland	30	6	91	3
R. E. S. Wyatt	2	0	4	0

#### England—1st Innings.

R. E. S. Wyatt, b McMillan	40
Hammond, c and b McMillan	57
Leyland, b Bell	52
Hendren, b Balaskas	63
M. J. Turnbull, b Bell	7
A. P. F. Chapman, b Bell	0
J. C. White, l.b.w.	b
Balaskas	23
Tate, c Taylor, b McMillan	15
Voce, b Vincent	30
Peebles, not out	7
Duckworth, l.b.w., b Vincent	0
Extras	26

Total ..... 350

Fall of Wickets:—1/175, 2/190, 3/202, 4/214, 5/214, 6/202, 7/202, 8/312, 9/350, 10/350.

#### Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bell	27	9	53	3
Catterall	5	3	2	0
Nupen	22	7	43	0
Balaskas	16	0	75	2
Vincent	17	4	40	2
McMillan	33	6	111	3

## FANLING GOLF.

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Captain W. Davison, 87-14=73 qualifies for January.

Junior Championship Draw.  
The draw for the Junior Championship, match play stage, is:—  
B. D. Evans v. L. Goldman.  
D. S. Robb v. W. S. Hillier.  
J. MacKnight v. E. D. Matthews.  
H. Hampton v. G. E. Castello.  
T. S. Whyte Smith v. C. B. Maturin.  
K. R. Rourke v. D. S. Edward.  
W. Paterson v. A. Ritchie.  
O. Eager v. C. H. Burton.

## PRISON WARDER ATTACKED.

### MORE TROUBLE AT WANDSWORTH.

Further trouble at Wandsworth Prison, where a warder was recently attacked, was described at the South-Western Police Court when Francis Franks (35), and Frederick Chatterley (28), both undergoing sentences, were charged with assaulting prison officers. Ernest Holden said that during the making of mail bags, Franks picked up a pair of scissors saying, "I am not going to do this job." He made a thrust at witness and struck him into his wrist. "It's all red tape," exclaimed the prisoner. Franks claimed that the warder, Mr. Lumsden, had picked him up for a week. Chatterley, who was said to have struck an officer named James in the ear, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

## ANNUAL RACE MEETING PROGRAMME.

### FOURTH AND FIFTH DAY'S EVENTS.

The following are the events for the fourth and fifth day's racing of the Annual Meeting. The races for the first three days were published in our issue last Saturday:—

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

### 1.—The Grand Stand Stakes: Six Furlongs.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$300. For China ponies *bona fide* griffins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lbs., of two or more races 7 lbs. extra. Subscription griffins of this meeting—winners no penalty; non-winners allowed 10 lbs. (Jockey allowance.) Allowances accumulative.

### 2.—The Ladies' Purse: Once Round.

Presented. \$300 added for winner. Second \$300. Third \$300. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 5 lbs. extra. (Jockey allowance.)

### 3.—The Sports Club Cup and Hong Kong Stakes: 1½ Miles.

A Cup presented by the members of the Sports Club with \$1,000 added for winner. Second \$300. Third \$300. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the Subscription Griffins' Challenge Cup 7 lbs. extra. Winners of other races 5 lbs. extra. (Jockey allowance.)

### 4.—The American Club Cup: From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In.

Presented by members of the American Club, with \$500 added for winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China ponies *bona fide* griffins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 3 lbs., of two races 5 lbs., of three or more races 7 lbs. extra. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 10 lbs. (Jockey allowance.) Allowances accumulative.

### 5.—The Adelaide Stakes: Six Furlongs.

Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred.

### 6.—The Phathon Stakes—"A" Class Handicap: 1½ Miles.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$300. For China ponies that have run at least three extra meetings in Hong Kong, during 1930. Non-starters at this meeting barred. Top weight not to exceed 121 lbs. Bottom weight not to be less than 135 lbs. Stakes to be the same for each class.

### 7.—The Leighton Hill Stakes: One Mile.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 3 lbs. penalty, of two races 5 lbs. penalty, of three or more races 7 lbs. penalty. (Jockey allowance.)

### 8.—The Phathon Stakes—"B" Class Handicap.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 10 lbs. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.) Allowances accumulative.

### 9.—The Champion Stakes: 1½ Miles.

A Sweepstakes of \$100 each for starters with \$4,000 added for winner. Second \$1,500. Third \$750. For China ponies, winners at this meeting only. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies to be ridden by jockeys who have won at least five official flat races anywhere, or jockeys approved by the Stewards.

### 10.—The Phathon Stakes—"D" Class Handicap.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.)

### 12.—The Nil Desperandum Stakes: Five Furlongs.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For subscription griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.)

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7.

### 1.—The "Hay and Corn" Stakes: Five Furlongs.

Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$150. For subscription griffins of any season that have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.)

### 2.—The "Lotterers" Stakes: Five Furlongs.

Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$150. For China ponies, griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.)

### 3.—The "All Out" Stakes: Five Furlongs.

Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$150. For all China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.)

### 4.—The Tytam Handicap—"A" Class: One Mile.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For subscription griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice. The minimum weight allotted will not be less than 140 lbs. Stakes to be the same for both classes.

### 5.—The Flemington Handicap: One Mile.

Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting.

### 6.—The Tytam Handicap—"B" Class.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For all China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting. Stakes to be the same for both classes.

### 7.—The Hong Kong Handicap—"A" Class: 1½ Miles.

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For all China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting. Stakes to be the same for both classes.

### 8.—The Hong Kong Handicap—"B" Class.

A Sweepstakes of \$25 each for starters. A Cup presented. \$500 to the winner by the donors and \$1,000 added. Second \$500. Third \$300. To be won two years in succession or three years in all by ponies the *bona fide* property of the same owner or owners. For subscription griffins of this meeting winners and placed ponies only. Weight for inches as per scale.

### 9.—The Professional Cup and Subscription Griffins' Champions: 1½ Miles.



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## ADVERTISEMENTS.

## THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING Co., Ltd.

6% FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURES (KAILAN BONDS).

## EIGHTEENTH DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the conditions endorsed upon the Debentures, the undermentioned Numbers of Debentures of the total value of 234,000 were drawn on the Fifth day of November, 1930, at the Office of the Company, No. 3, London Wall, Buildings, in the City of London, in the presence of WALTON FITZMAURICE TURNER, one of the Directors, ALFRED WILLIAM BERRY, Secretary of the Company, and NICARAO ROBERT JAUERLE, of B. Bishopgate, London, E.C., Notary Public.



COTTON INDUSTRY  
RESEARCH.WORKING FOR FUTURE  
PROSPERITY.SCIENCE APPLIED TO  
MANUFACTURE.

The eleventh annual meeting of the British Cotton Industry Research Association was held recently by Mr. F. Nuttall, the chairman of the council, proposed the acceptance of the annual report.

He said that there had been criticism of their policy of development at a time when the trade was in a state of depression. But any other policy, he asserted, would have been fatal. The only way to deal with the mass of questions received and put to practical use the results of research was to proceed with workrooms as a counterpoint to the laboratory. The decision to do so would be justified, perhaps much sooner than many dared to hope.

Many able brains, here and elsewhere, he continued, have been working for years on the intricate and difficult problems that affect the welfare, and it may be even the existence, of our great industry. We expect great things from scientific research, and we believe that much of the work that has been laboriously carried out is ready to bear fruit.

## Cotton Trade Not Played Out.

It is only too well-known that our industry is suffering, and suffering badly, from the long-continued depression. I have even heard pessimists say that the cotton trade is finished. This is absurd, and I for one do not believe it, but what we in Lancashire are apt to forget is that the depression is world wide, and we are passing through a phase from which we must ultimately emerge. Our share of the future prosperity will depend upon initiative and work—qualities in which Lancashire has not been deficient in the past. May I remind you in this connection that no other country has produced anything that can compare with the Shirley Institute, and that the benefits which accrue are available, first of all, to members.

I am convinced that when the disastrous time is a thing of the past, and the influence of this Association can be assessed, you and others will pay full tribute to the wisdom of those who inaugurated it. Meanwhile, you, as members of this great research association, can, if you will, obtain advice and help which will materially aid your own efforts. The staff of the Shirley Institute are your willing servants, and they may be able to help you solve practical everyday difficulties far more than you imagine. I invite you to take advantage of this work they are doing for you, and I am confident that if you do so you will agree that expenditure on research is the last item which you can afford to cut down.

Their future depended to a large extent on the application of science to the various processes of the industry, and it was for them to make sure that the work of the Shirley Institute was not stunted or curtailed by lack of adequate financial support. He expressed the association's appreciation of the grant of £1,000 a year from the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation and the gift of £1,500 in books for the library from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees.

Mr. H. S. Butterworth, vice-chairman and non-treasurer, seconded, pointing out that all people in the cotton trade ought to be able to obtain more from the Shirley Institute than the value of the subscription which who did not had only himself to blame.

Dr. H. H. Pickard, director of research, said that research work in the past year had been well maintained, and they had also managed to deal with well over 1,000 inquiries. They had averaged nearly four inquiries a day, and in the majority of cases, people did not inquire at the Shirley Institute on points they could possibly answer themselves. All these inquiries had meant dealing with well over 1,000 samples, coming from 426 firms, a number of which showed that a large number of firms had not yet realised the value of these inquiry facilities—facilities available to members without any extra charge. It was an interesting fact that of these inquiries 40 per cent. came from spinners and 34 per cent. from manufacturers, and he felt these figures showed that there was no bias on the chemical side of their research work. Work on spinning and manufacturing was taking up the greater part of their energies and resources. In the past year, manufacturers and spinners had been bringing mutual difficulties to the Institute, and they had been able to give their view of the difficulty.

Too sectionalised knowledge. After referring to the work of the new technological liaison department, which had made more than 1,000 visits to mills—many of which proved very keen on the work of the

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## THE RUBBER MARKET.

## "LITTLE TO GO FOR."

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following report, dated November 26, from Messrs. Horby Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:

The market has been featureless during the past week, the only figures available being the stocks on estates and dealers' stocks in the East on the 31st October which show a decline of about 2,500 tons compared with the figures for the end of September.

Fluctuations have been insignificant, and values are unchanged on the week. A little business was done at 1/16d. more for forward deliveries, but yesterday the market looked rather tired, more sellers being in evidence than for some time past. There was also some indication yesterday that the East was beginning to offer a little more freely, and so far, manufacturers have not evinced any definite interest although we believe that buying interest would be shown in the event of any setback.

Mail advices from America sound a more optimistic note regarding consumption next year, and an item of interest is that consumption of petrol in America has so far been in excess of last year, whereas replacement business in tyres has suffered substantially. Allowing for some improvement in the quality of tyres, it seems reasonable to assume that the old casings have been made to last longer than normally. Dealers' and tyre manufacturers' stocks show a drastic decline, and Akron tyre factories look for brisk business in replacement tyres after the 1st January apart from the seasonal tyre demand for new cars. Stocks—London 76,445 tons, Liverpool 40,492 tons: an increase of 865 tons, which was rather less than expected.

There seems little to go for in rubber at present, but some reactions seems due, and we continue to feel that any setback would offer a favourable opportunity for investment buying.

Close London last night:—Spot 4d., Jan./March 4d., April/June 4d., July/Sept., 5d., Oct./Dec. 4d., Jan./Dec. 4 1/2d. 1/16d.

Close New York last night:—March 9.50c., May 9.50c., Sept. 9.50c.

## EXCHANGE.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 5, 1931.

On LONDON:—Telegraphic Transfer... 1/4 Bank Bills, on demand 1/4 Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 1/4

Credit, 4 months' sight 1/1 5/16 Documents, 4 months' sight 1/1 7/16

On PARIS:—Bank Bills, on demand 650 Credit, 4 months' sight 690

On NEW YORK:—Bank Bills, on demand 25 9/16 Credit, 60 days sight, 25 11/16

On BOMBAY:—Telegraphic Transfer... 71 Bank, on demand ... 71

On CALCUTTA:—Telegraphic Transfer... 71 Bank, on demand ... 71

On SHANGHAI:—Bank, at sight ... 8 1/2 Bank, 3 months' sight ... 8 1/2

On YOKOHAMA:—On demand ... 51 1/2 On Sight ... 51 1/2

On SINGAPORE:—On demand ... 45 1/2 On Sight ... 45 1/2

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## ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

## ALEXANDRIA.

Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.

Pros. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

## SINGAPORE.

Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 6.

Tainan, B. & S., Jan. 7.

Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 8.

Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 9.

Antung, B. & S., Jan. 12.

Haining, Douglas, Jan. 13.

Taiyuan, B. & S., Jan. 14.

Taima, B.I., Jan. 15.

Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 16.

Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 20.

Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 22.

Yuenanng, Jardine's, Jan. 27.

Takada, B.I., Feb. 6.

## ANTWERP.

Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.

Jeyapore, P. & O., Jan. 10.

Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.

Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

Perim, P. & O., Feb. 7.

## AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Taiyuan, B. & S., Jan. 20.

Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 22.

Nellore, E. & A., Jan. 31.

## BALTIK PORTS.

Peru, Mannors, Jan. 29.

## BALTIMORE.

Irisbank, Bank, Jan. 8.

Helenu, B.F., Feb. 6.

## BANGKOK.

Hiram, Thoresen, Jan. 11.

Kaying, B. & S., Jan. 11.

## BARCELONA.

Bochum, Jelsen, Jan. 6.

Trior, Melchers, Jan. 10.

Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.

## BELOWAN-DELL.

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Jan. 15.

## BOMBAY.

Mirzapore, P. & O., Jan. 6.

Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.

Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.

Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.

Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.

## BOSTON.

Irisbank, Bank, Jan. 8.

Pros. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.

Siamese Prince, Furness, Jan. 13.

Pros. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 29.

Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 4.

Helenu, B.F., Feb. 6.

## BREMEN.

Trior, Melchers, Jan. 10.

Lahn, Melchers, Jan. 24.

Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.

## BRINDISI.

Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.

Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.

## CALCUTTA.

Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.

Muroran Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 7.

Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 7, 3 p.m.

Talamba, B.I., Jan. 14.

Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 16.

Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 19.

Kutsang, Jardine's, Jan. 23.

Taima, B.I., Feb. 6.

## CASABLANCA.

Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.

Philoctetes, B.F., Feb. 3.

## CEBU.

Helenu, B.F., Feb. 6.

## CHERPOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., Jan. 9.

Huichow, B. & S., Jan. 23.

## GOLOMO.

Mirzapore, P. & O., Jan. 6.

Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 8.

Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.

Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.

Jeyapore, P. & O., Jan. 10.

Pros. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.

Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.

Kashmir, P. & O., Jan. 17.

Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.

General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 20.

Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.

Katori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 24.

Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.

Pros. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.

Glenapp, Jardine's, Jan. 29.

Comorin, P. & O., Jan. 31.

## FOOOHOW.

Haiching, Douglas, Jan. 6.

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Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 13.

Haining, Douglas, Jan. 13.

Cheongshing, Jardine's, Jan. 20.

Huichow, B. & S., Jan. 23.

## GENOA.

Bochum, Jelsen, Jan. 6.

Moncalieri, Dodwell's, Jan. 8.

Trior, Melchers, Jan. 10.

Pros. Harrison, Dollar, Jan. 11.

Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 18.

Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.

Pilana, Dodwell's, Jan. 24.

Pros. Johnson, Dollar, Jan. 25.

Takada, B.I., Feb. 6.

Sauerland, Jelsen, Feb. 3.

Derflinger, Melchers, Feb. 7.

## GLASGOW.

Mentor, B.F., Jan. 20.

Sarpedon, B.F., Jan. 21.

Laomedon, B.F., Feb. 1.

## GOTHENBURG.

Ceylon, Gilman's, Feb. 3.

## HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Kingyuan, B. & S., Jan. 15.

## HAMBURG.

Achilles, B.F., Jan. 6.















